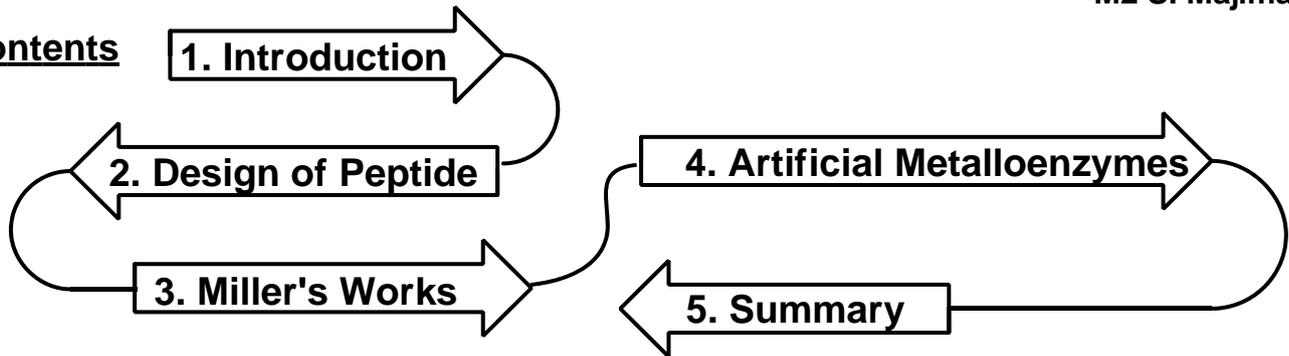


# Peptide Catalyst in Synthetic Organic Chemistry

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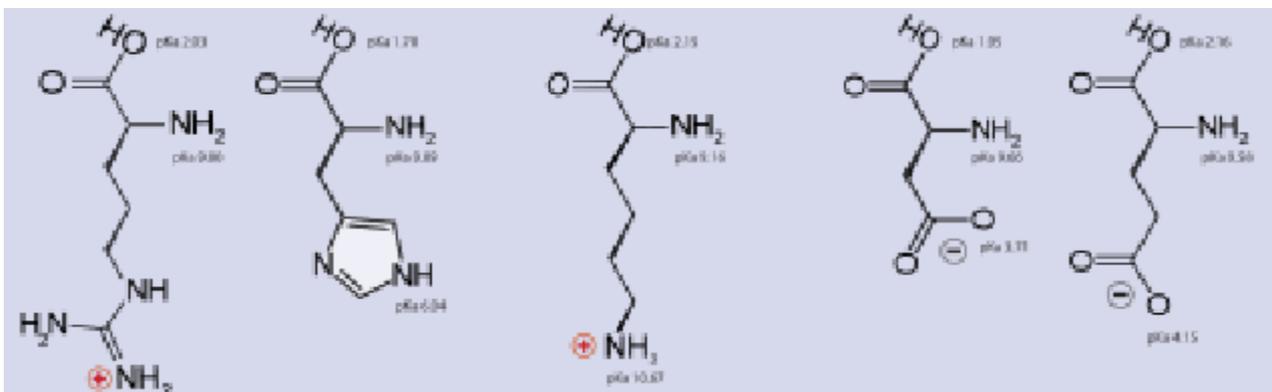
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**Histidine**  
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**Lydyne**  
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**Aspartic acid**  
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**Glutamic acid**  
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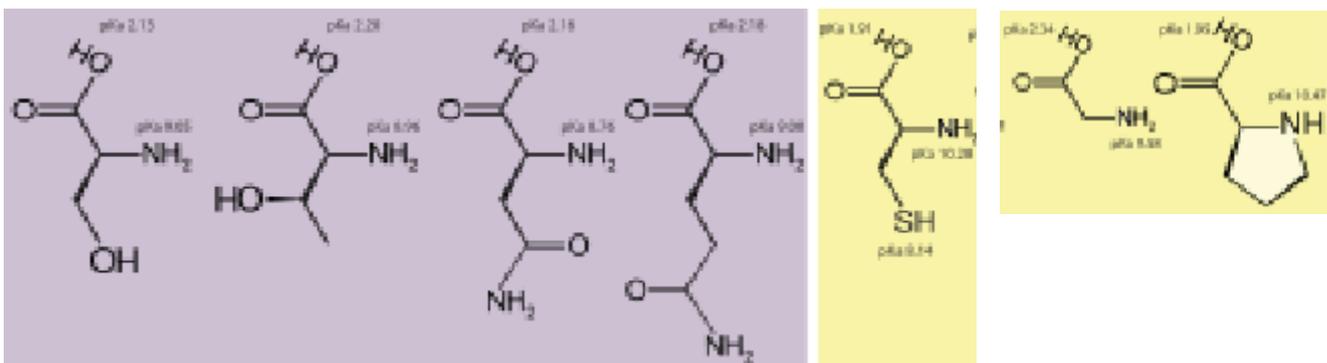
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**Glutamine**  
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**Cysteine**  
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**Glycine**  
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**Proline**  
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**Alanine**  
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(Ile, I)

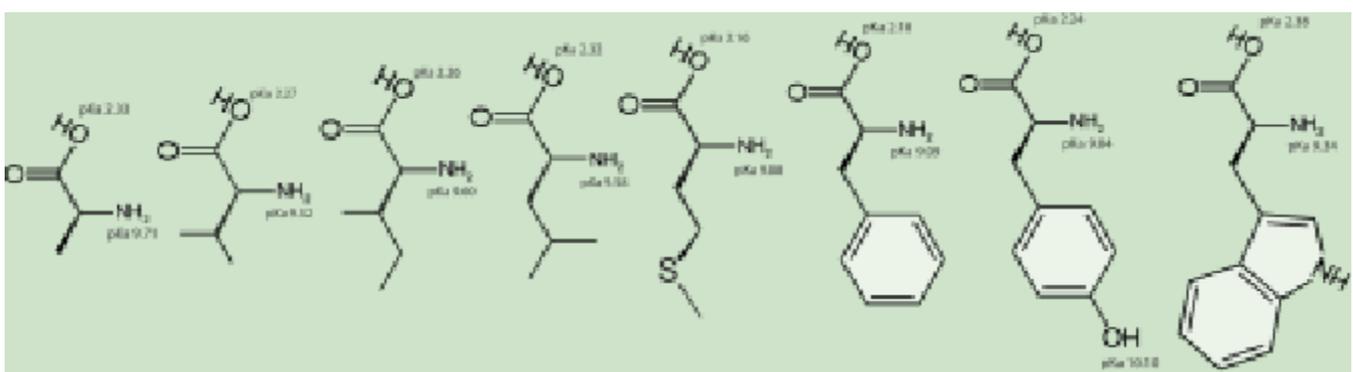
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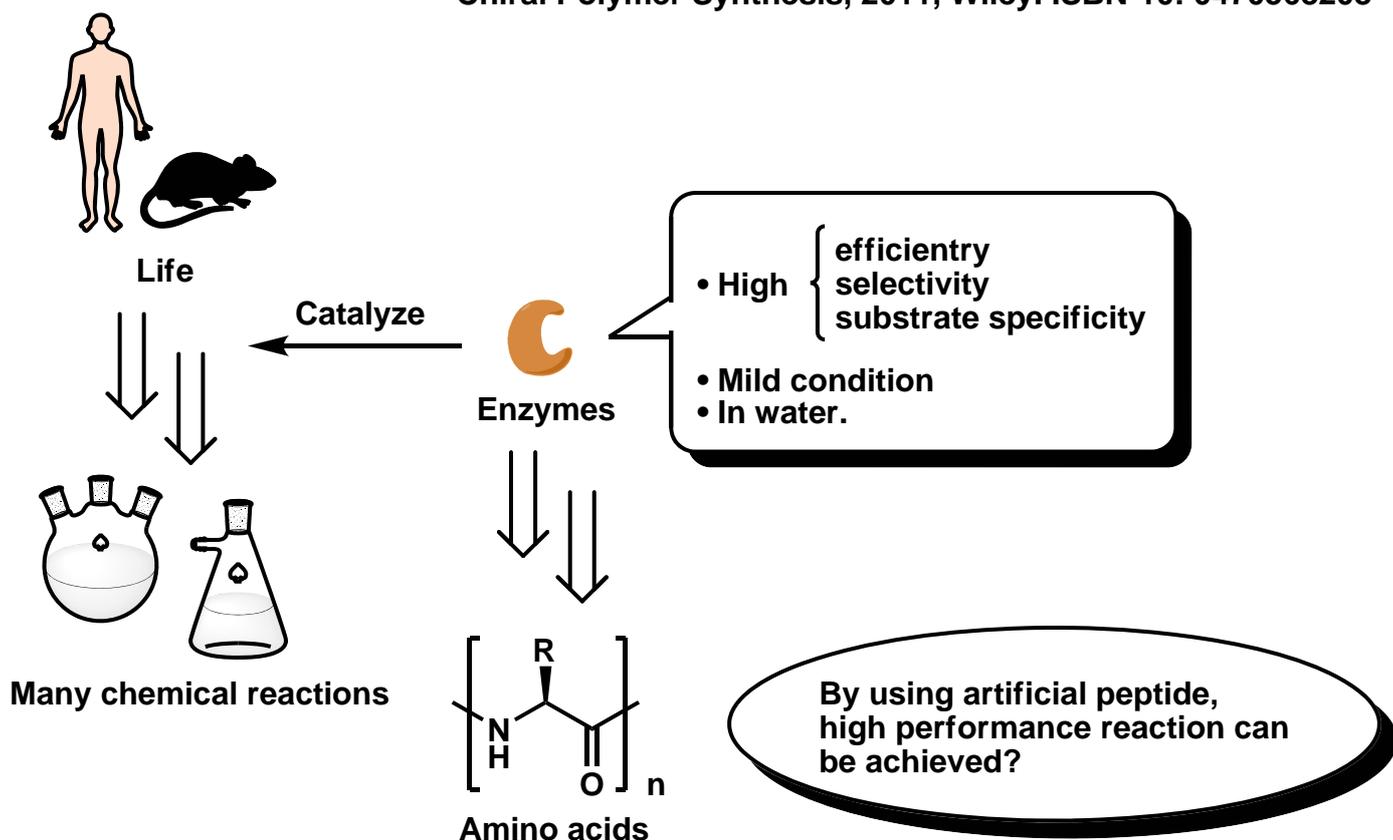
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(Trp, W)



# 1. Introduction

## 1-1. Outline of Idea

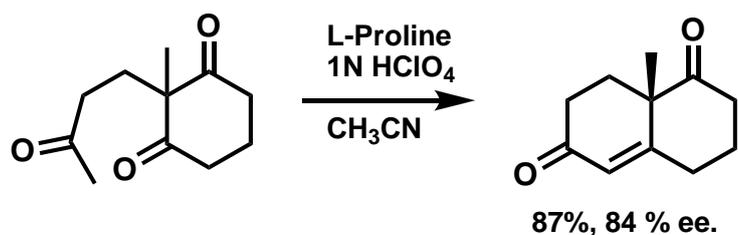
review: Itsuno, S. *et al.* *Polymeric Chiral Catalyst Design and Chiral Polymer Synthesis*, 2011, Wiley. ISBN-10: 0470568208



## 1-2. Typical Works in the Peptide Catalyst Field in 20th Century

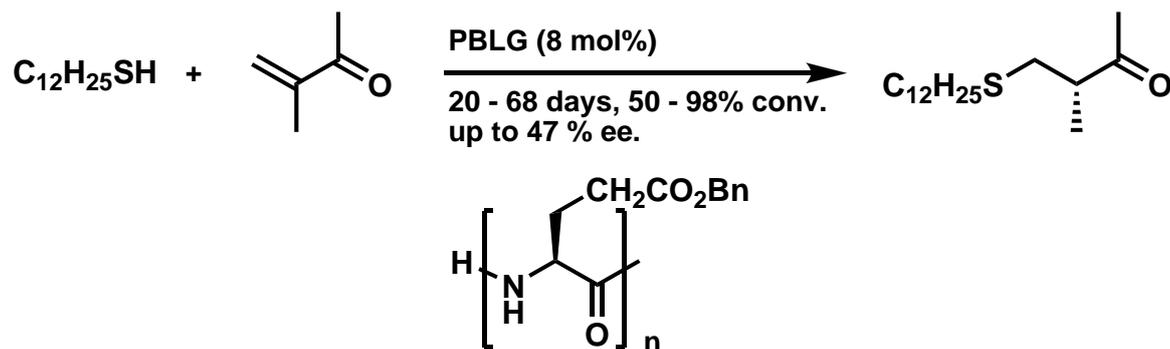
Wiechert, R. *et al.* *ACIE*, 1971, 10, 496.

"Amino acid catalyzed asymmetric Robinson annulation"



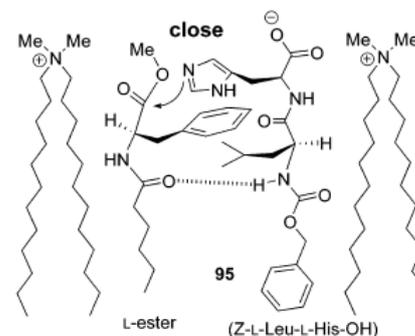
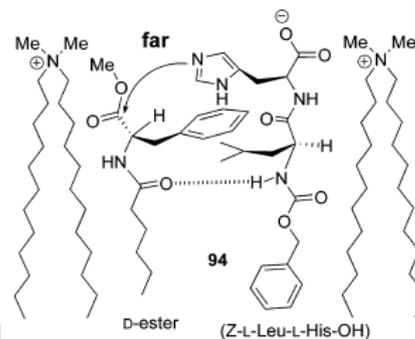
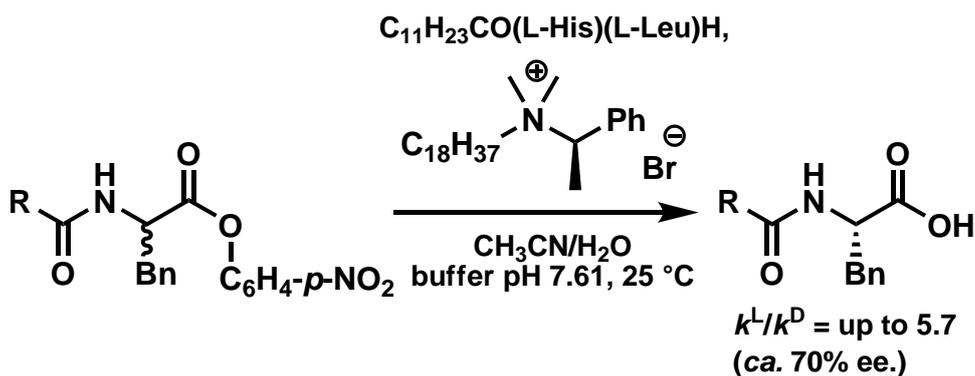
Inoue, S. *et al.* *Die Makromolekulare Chemie*, 1975, 176, 2751.

"Poly(amino acid)-catalyzed asymmetric protonation"



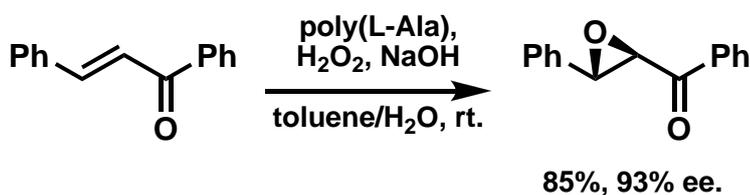
PBLG: poly (5-benzyl L-glutamate), n = 1 - 20

Ohkubo, K. *et al. J. Chem. SOC. Chem. Commun.* 1980, 637.  
 " Enantioselective hydrolysis of ester by amino acid dimer"

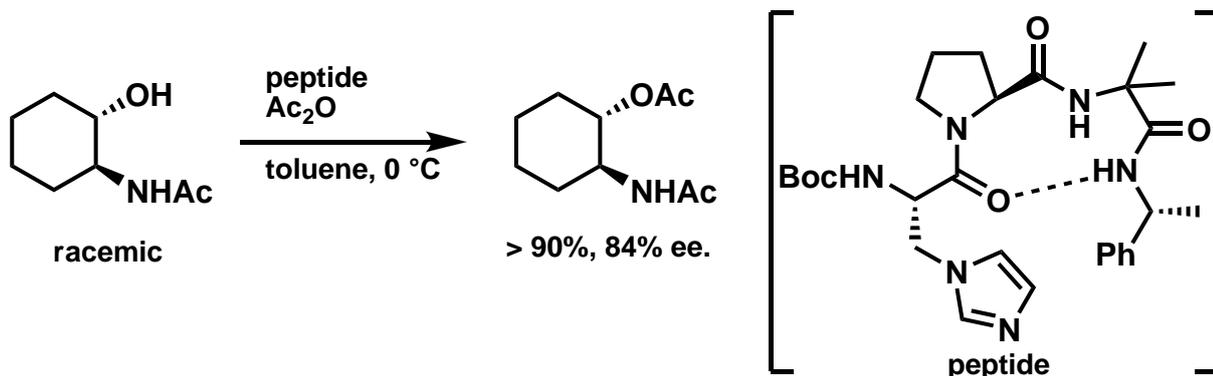


Miller, S. J. *et al. Chem. Rev.* 2007, 107, 5759.

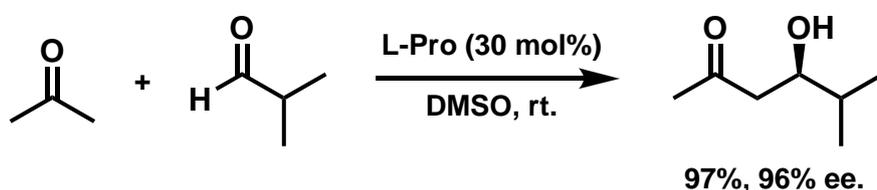
Julia, S. *et al. ACIE*, 1980, 19, 929.  
 " Asymmetric epoxidation (Julia-Colonna reaction)"



Miller, S. J. *et al. JACS.* 1998, 120, 1629.  
 " Kinetic resolution in the acetylation of alcohols"



List, B. *et al. JACS.* 2000, 122, 2395.  
 " Asymmetric aldol reaction"



### 1-3. Features of Peptide Catalyst

#### Advantages

- Tolerances of oxygen and water: easy handling.
- Easy synthesis and various amino acid monomers are available: high diversity.

#### Disadvantages

- Reaction forms are limited to organocatalytic reactions.
- Tremendous screening is required to optimize catalyst.

## 2. Design of Peptide

### 2-1. Basic Structure of Peptide Catalyst

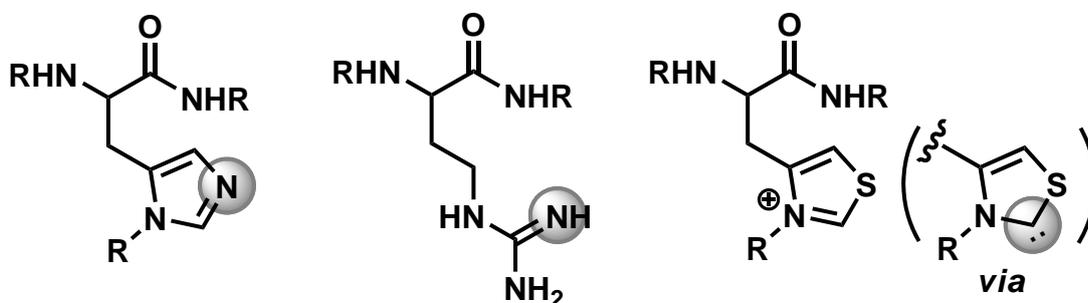


### 2-2. Active Site

review: Miller, S. J. *et al. Chem. Rev.* 2007, 107, 5759.

Peptide catalyzed reactions are organocatalyst.

#### Base or nucleophile:



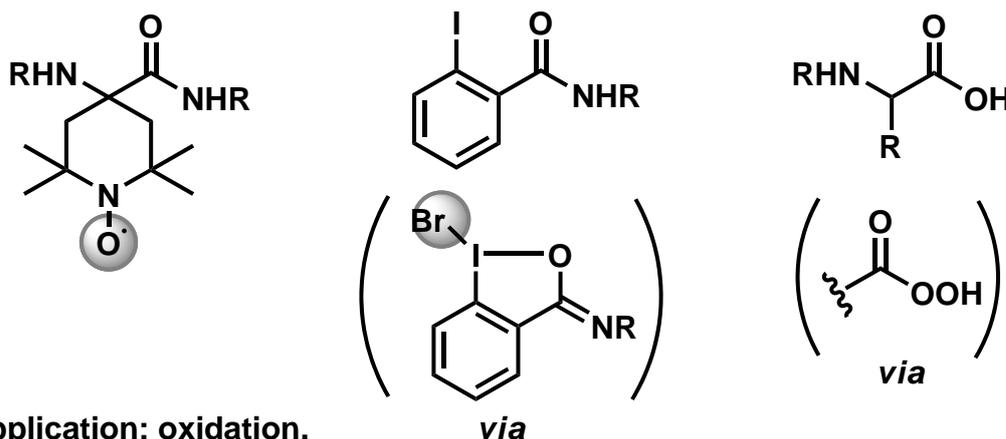
application: conjugate addition ( $\rightarrow$  protonation), MBH reaction, protonation of silyl enol ether, hydrolysis of ester, Strecker reaction, Stetter reaction, acylation, phosphorylation

#### Enamine / iminium formation:



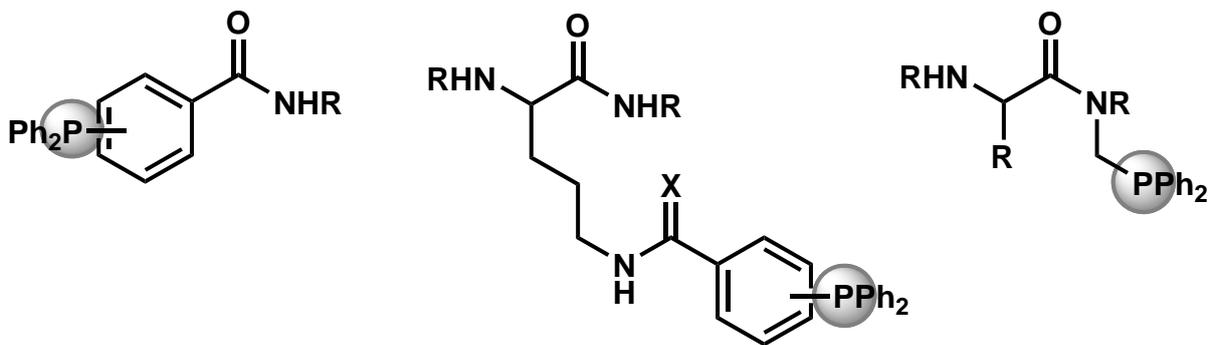
application: aldol reaction, conjugate addition (epoxidation).

#### Oxidant



application: oxidation.

## Ligand



application: metal catalyzed reaction.

## 2-3. Chiral Backbone

### 2-3-1. Structure of Peptide

review: Balaram, P. et al. *Chem. Rev.* 2001. 101. 3131.

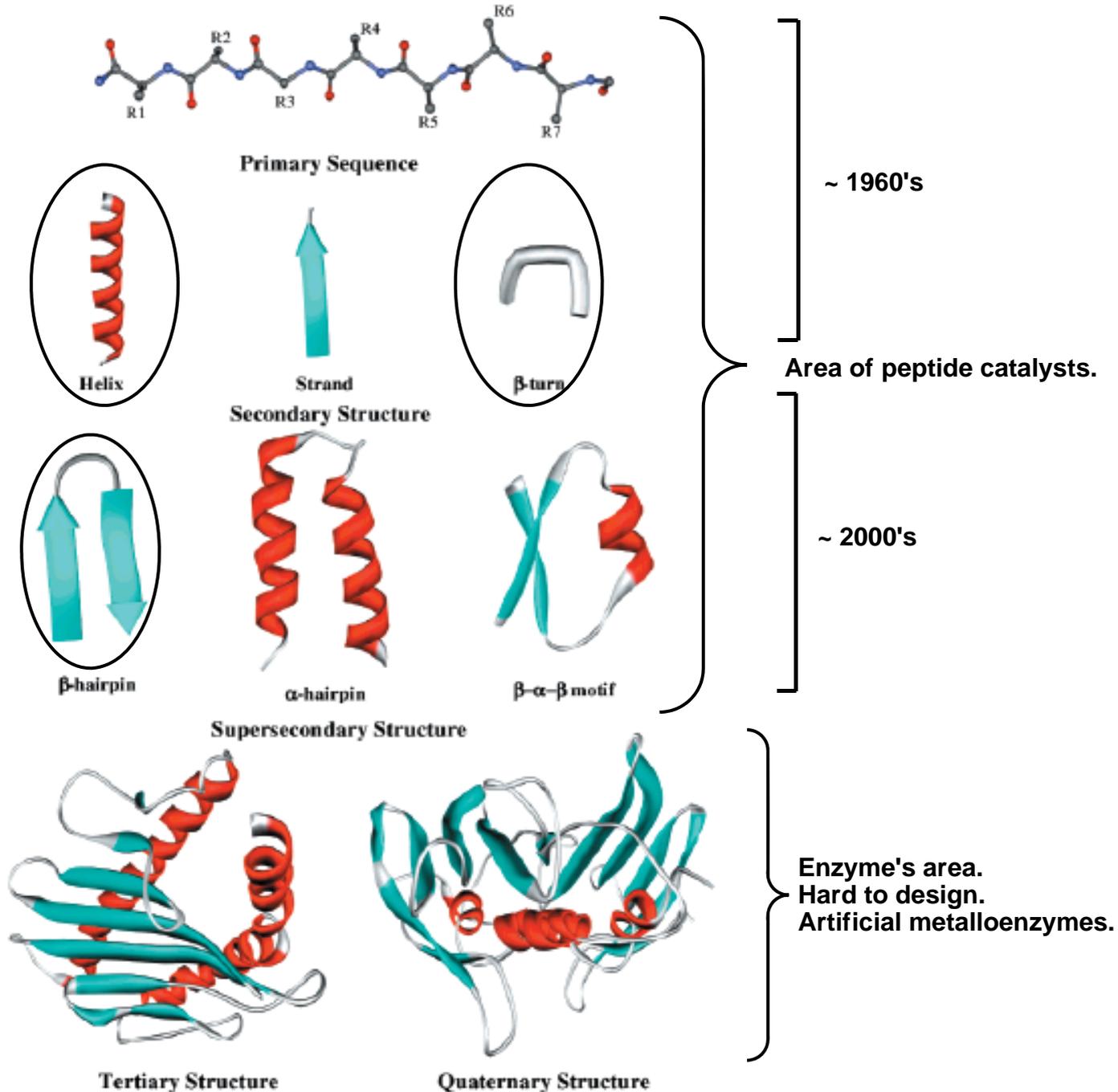


Fig. 2-1: Various levels of structural organization observed in protein structures. Main structures of paptide cataysts are showed in the circles.

## 2-3-2. Helices

Berkessel, A. *et al. Org. Lett.* 2001, 3, 3839. Also see above Julia-Colonna reaction.

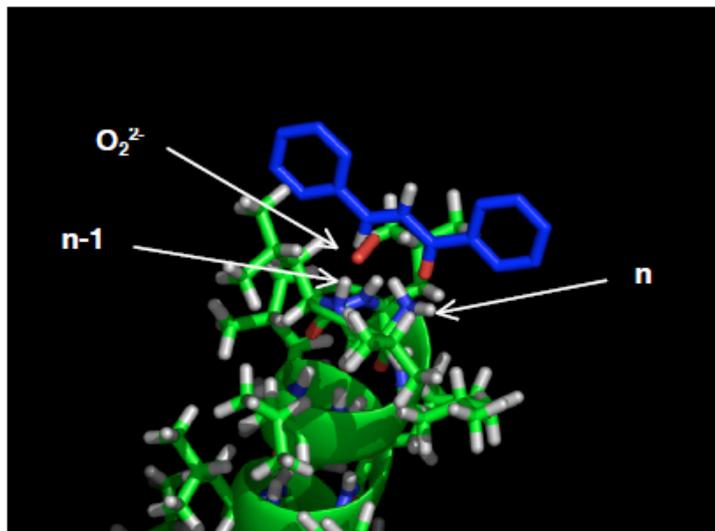
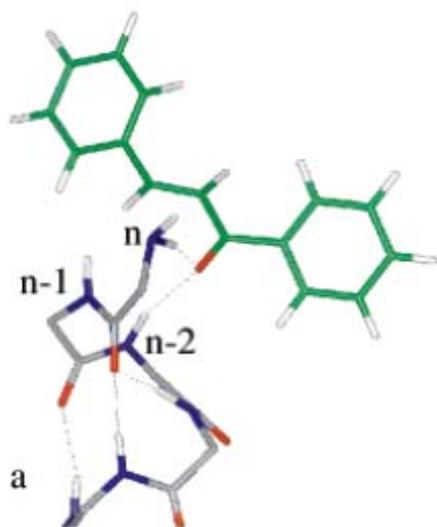
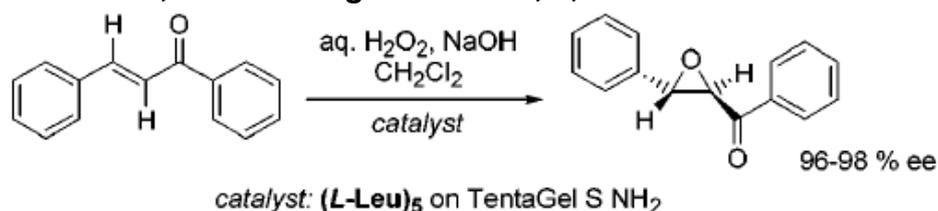
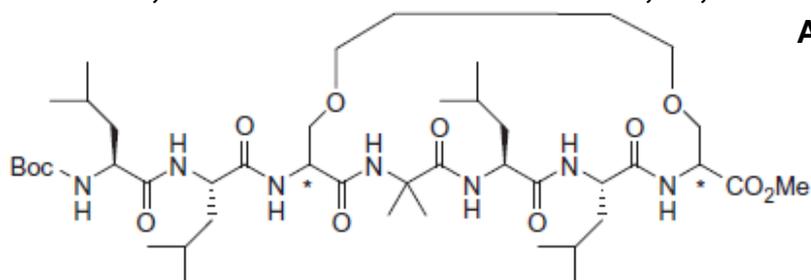


Fig. 2-2: A interaction of peptide and substrate. left: *Org. Lett.* right: Hughes, R, M. *Design Strategies for Peptide-Based Asymmetric Catalysis*, [http://images.dcheetahimages.com/www.organicdivision.org/ama/orig/Fellowship/2005\\_2006\\_Awardees/Essays/Hughes.pdf](http://images.dcheetahimages.com/www.organicdivision.org/ama/orig/Fellowship/2005_2006_Awardees/Essays/Hughes.pdf)

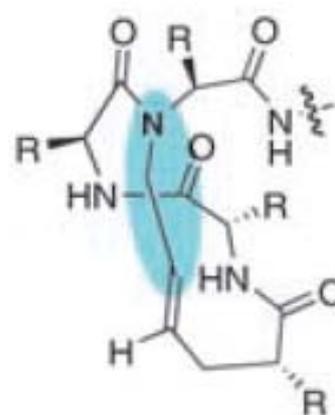
### Construction of helices (see also Mr. Sakaoka's literature seminar in 2010/7/14.)

1. Residues with large helix-forming propensities.  
-> Leu, Val, Phe, Met, etc... (hydrophobic side chains.)  
It seems that the electrostatic (i, i + 4) interactions eg) Gln•Asp, Glu•Asn) are rare in peptide catalyst field. Maybe ionic functional groups give wrong effect to reaction.
2. Covalent helix-stabilization.  
-> Linking (i, i + 3 or 4) residues.

Kurihara, M. *et al. Tetrahedron Lett.* 2011, 52, 798.

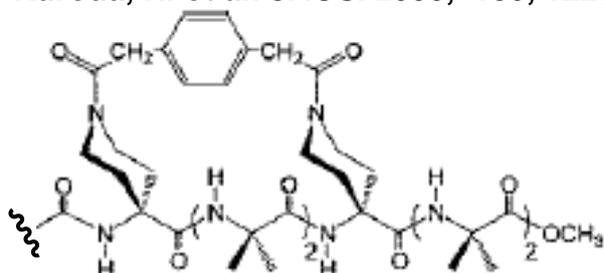


Arora, P. S. *et al. ACIE.* 2005, 44, 6525.



HBS  $\alpha$  helix

Kuroda, R. *et al. JACS.* 2008, 130, 12266.



### 3. Aib type peptide.

-> Aib:  $\alpha$ -aminoisobutyric acid; one of the  $(\alpha,\alpha)$ -dialkylglycines.

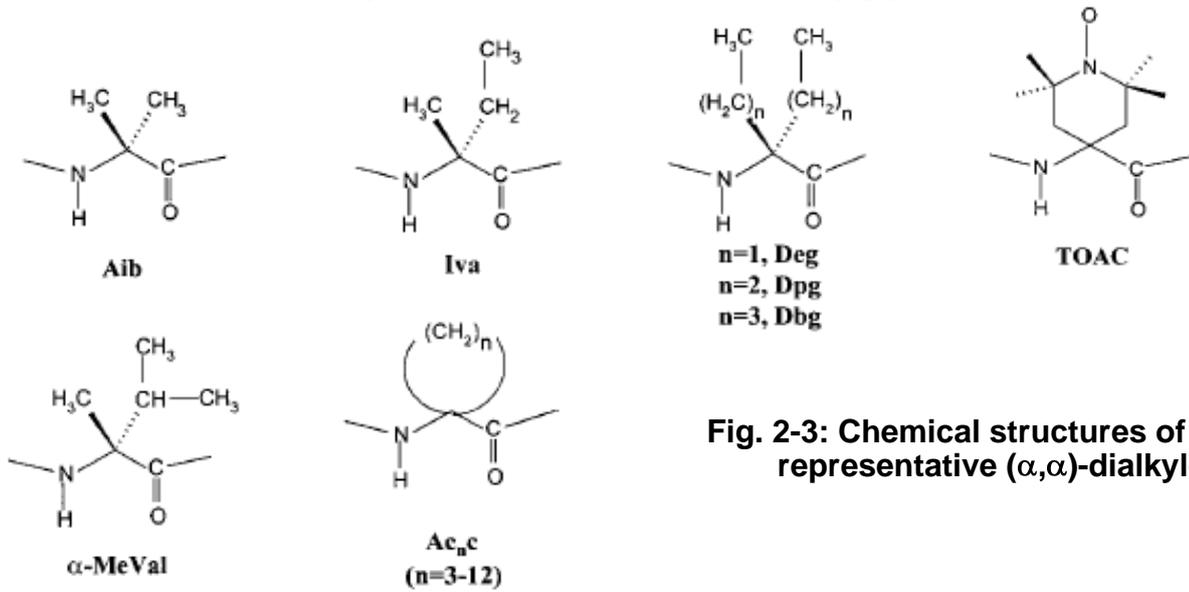


Fig. 2-3: Chemical structures of some representative  $(\alpha,\alpha)$ -dialkylglycines.

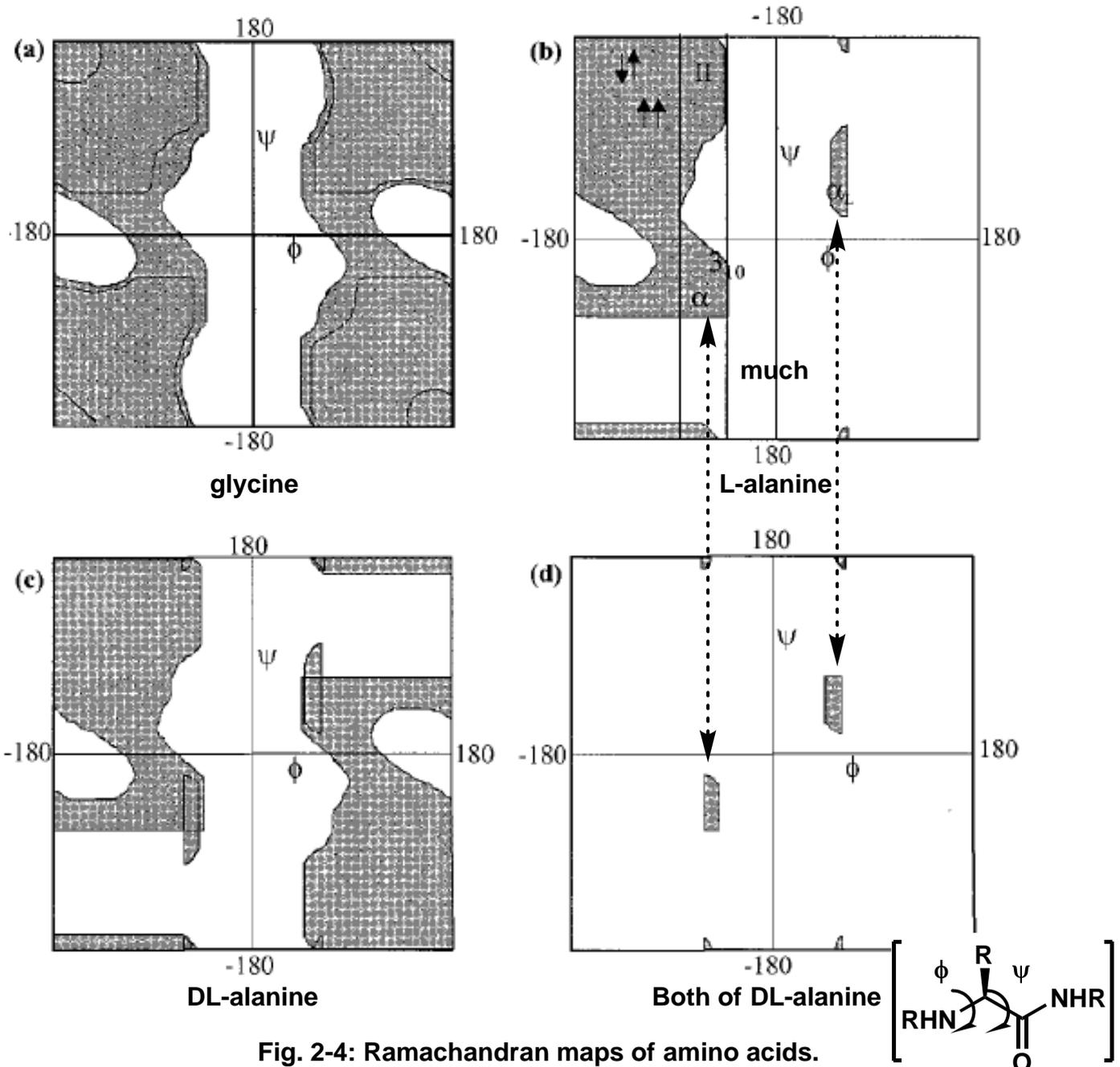
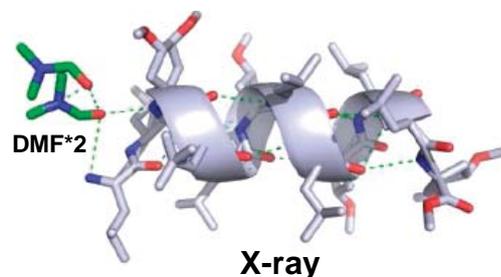
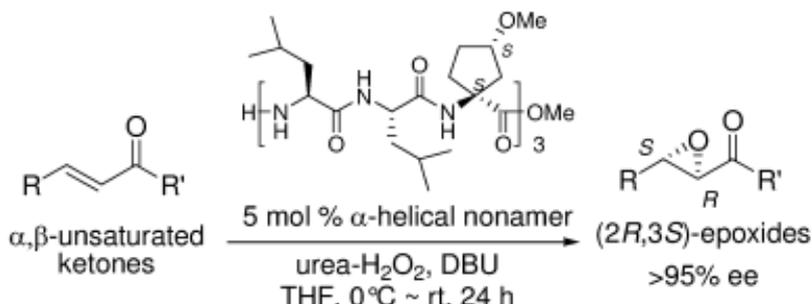


Fig. 2-4: Ramachandran maps of amino acids.

Tanaka, M. *et al. Org. Lett.* 2010, 12, 3564.

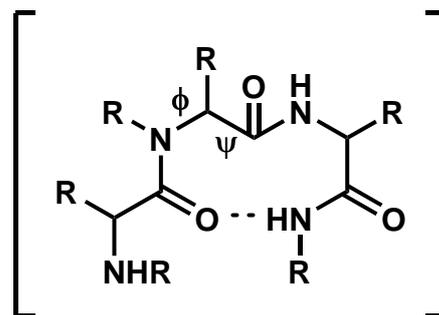
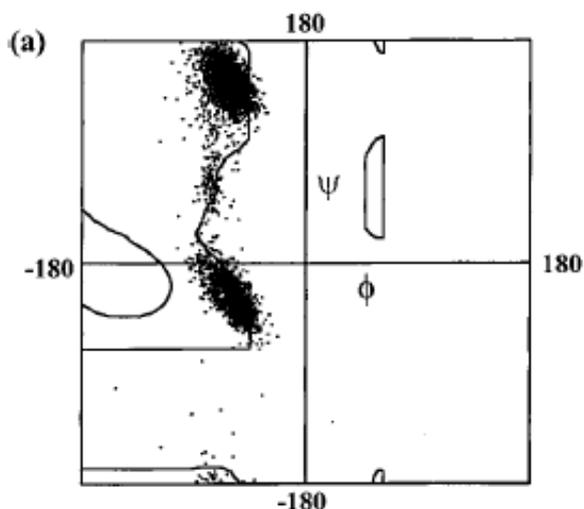


higher selectivity and substrate scope than original reaction.

### 2-3-3. $\beta$ -turns

Hydrogen bond between (i, i + 3) (< 7 Å). Designed from three amino acid.

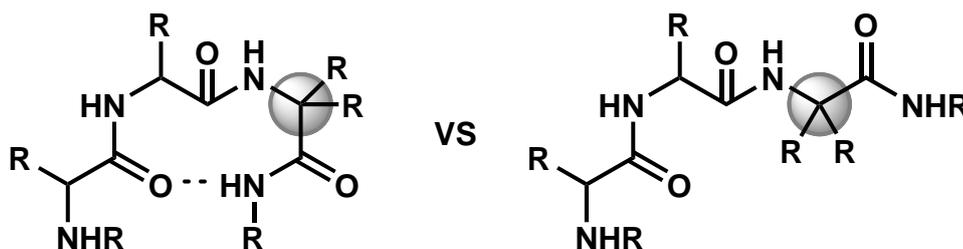
1. Proline.



compatible with the i + 1 position of type I/III and type II turns.

Fig. 2-5: Crystallographically observed  $\phi$ ,  $\psi$  values of L-Pro residues from 538 independent protein crystal structures.

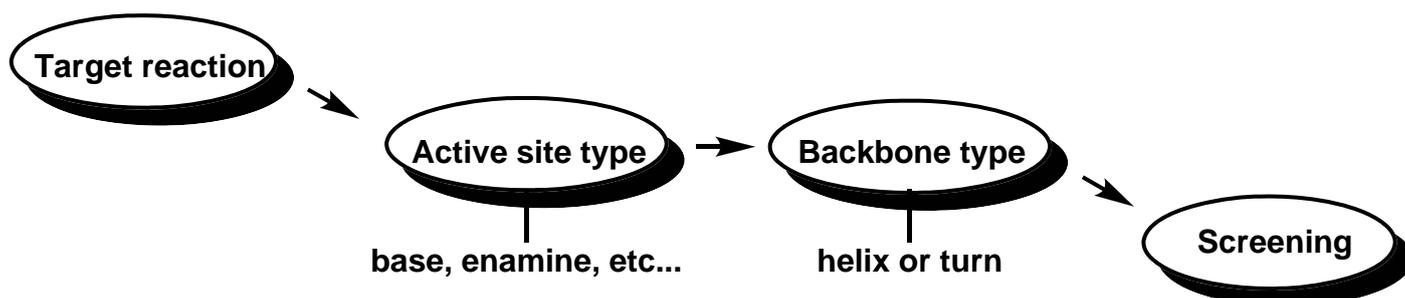
2. Aib type peptide.



These two are very important elements for peptide catalysts!

-> When dialkyl amino acid is i + 3 position,  $\beta$ -turn is stabilized.

### 2-4. How to Screening?



The sequences of amino acids are infinite, so huge screenings are required for development of peptide catalyst screening methods.

**Fluorescence Assay in Enantioselective Acyl Transfer Reaction.**

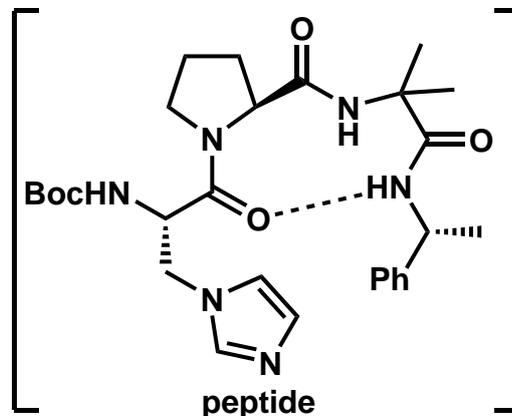
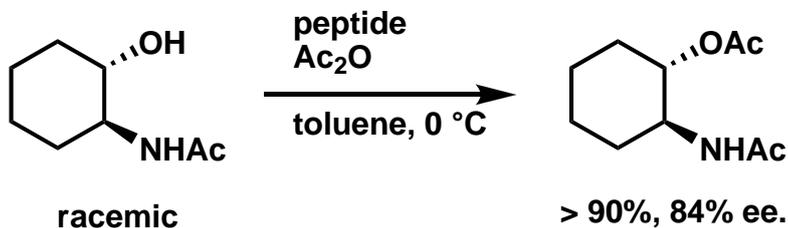
Miller, S. J. et. al. *JACS*. 1999, 121, 4306.

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*ibid.* 2001, 123, 6496.

Miller, S. J. et. al. *JACS*. 1998, 120, 1629.

see also Miller, S. J. et. al. *J. Org. Chem.* 1998, 63, 6784. (*N*-Me His as a active site.)



When the reaction is faster, it is more selective.  
-> By measure reactivity, good catalyst can be found.

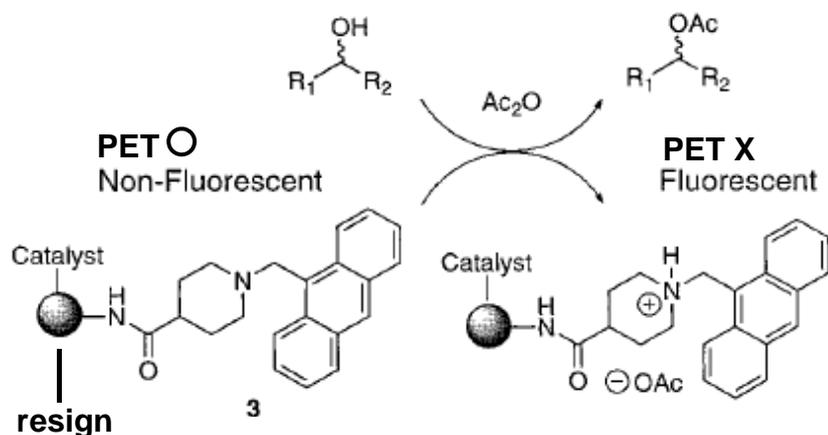


Fig. 2-6: Mechanism of fluorescence.

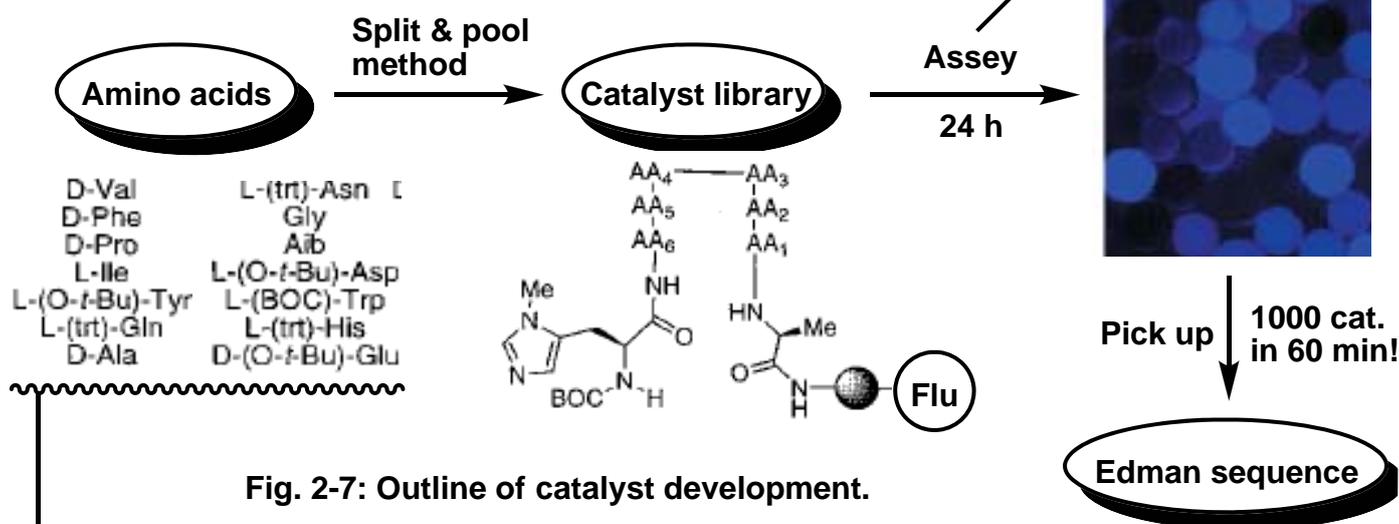
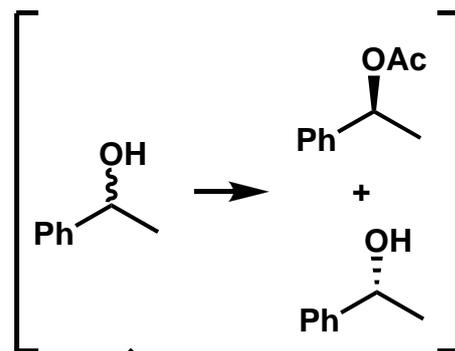
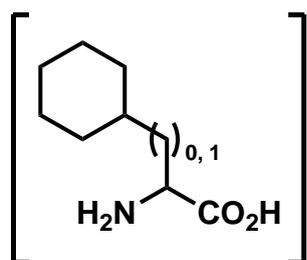


Fig. 2-7: Outline of catalyst development.

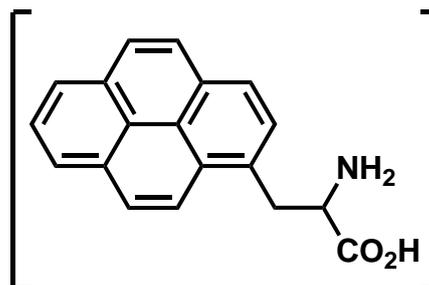
Reason of this choice is not written in the paper.  
D-Pro(L-His + D-Pro is better than L-Pro, *JOC*.) and Aib are turn elements.  
Gly is less hinder, Val, Ile, Phe, Ala is middle hinder, trt or *t*Bu protected amino acid and Trp is higher hinder amino acid.

## How do we choose amino acid monomer in library synthesis?

1. Choose  $\beta$ -turn element.  
-> It seems  $\beta$ -turn ( $\beta$ -hairpin) type peptide catalysts more effective than helix type one.  
ex) Pro, Aib, Ach, etc.
2. Choose aliphatic amino acids.  
ex) Val, Leu, Ile, Chg, Cha, etc.
3. Choose aromatic amino acids.  
ex) Phe, His, Trp, Bn-Asn, Bn-Ser, Bn-His, trt-Asn, trt-His, Pya, etc.
4. Choose bulky side-cained amino acids.  
ex) <sup>t</sup>Bu-Asn, <sup>t</sup>Bu-Ser, trt-Asn, trt-Gln, trt-His, Pya, etc.



Chg = cyclohexyl glycine  
Cha = cyclohexyl alanine



Pya = 1-pyrenyl alanine

## How do we set amino acid monomer in library synthesis?

-> Absolute random screening gives us too large library (see after the next page.)  
The reasonable sequence methodology is desirable.

Miller, S. J. *et al.* JACS. 2006, 128, 16454.

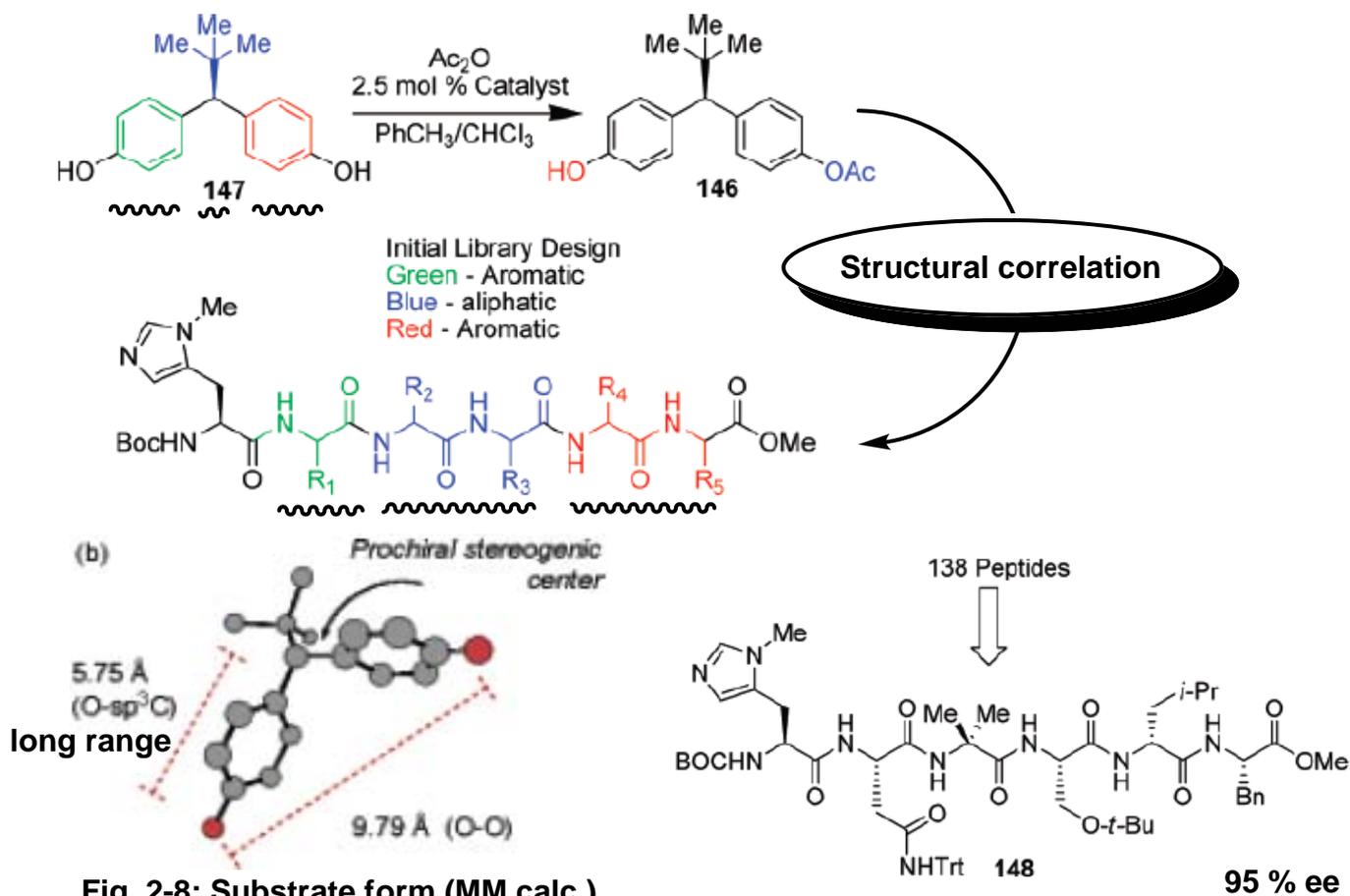


Fig. 2-8: Substrate form (MM calc.)

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[http://www.broadinstitute.org/chembio/lab\\_schreiber/anim/animations/smdbSplitPool.php](http://www.broadinstitute.org/chembio/lab_schreiber/anim/animations/smdbSplitPool.php)

3) Pool beads

steps: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

4) Repeat the process  
split the beads...

steps: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

1) Synthesis beads are split and placed into separate reaction tubes

Resin - typically  $10^6$  synthesis beads are used containing a core structure

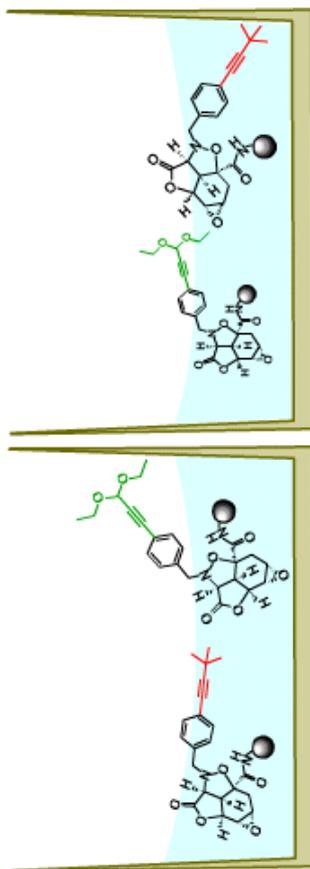
The number of identical compounds on each bead can range from  $10^{13}$  to  $10^{16}$  depending on the bead's size and material.

steps: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

2) Couple building blocks  
(typically 10 different building blocks in 10 separate tubes; only 2 are shown)

steps: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

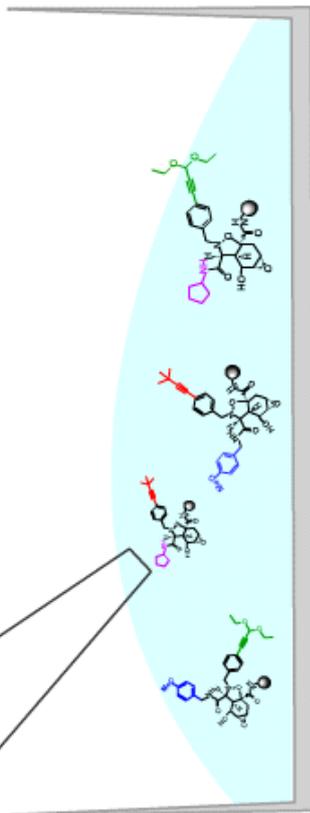
5) Repeat the process  
... add different building blocks...  
(typically 10; only 2 are shown)



steps: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

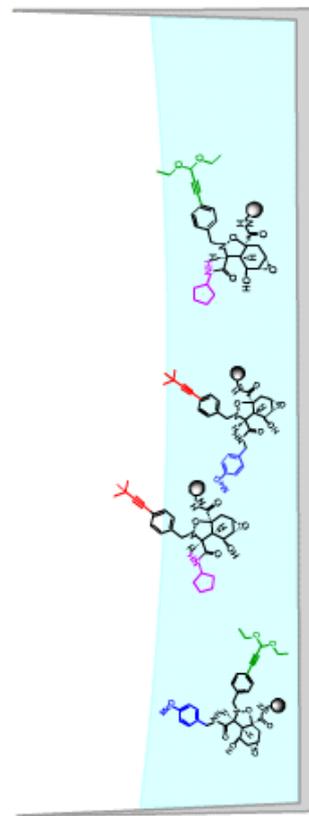
7) Beads are ready to be separated in an arrayer  
and transferred to PDMS plates  
(see the bead distribution and compound transfer animation)



steps: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

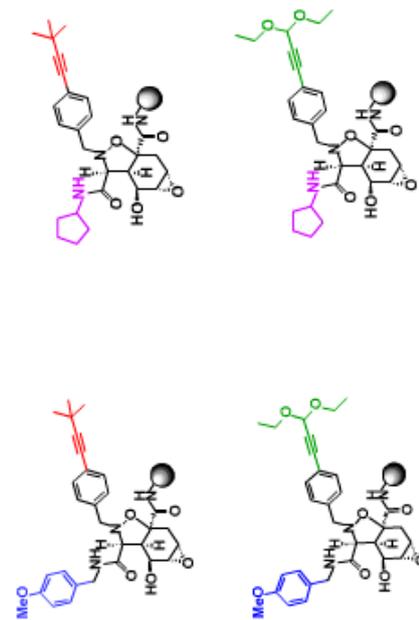
6) Repeat the process  
...pool again



steps: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

Ideally, all possible combinations of  
building blocks have been coupled.



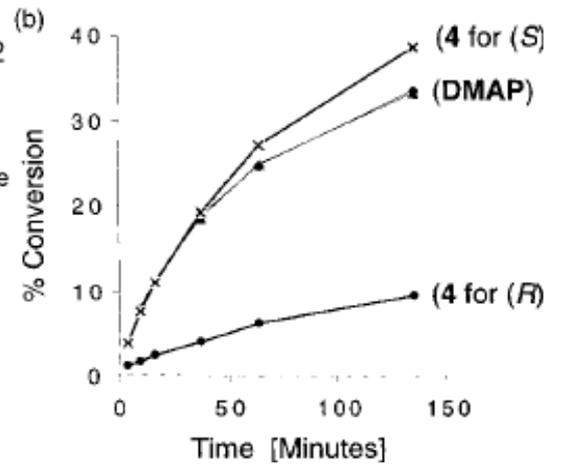
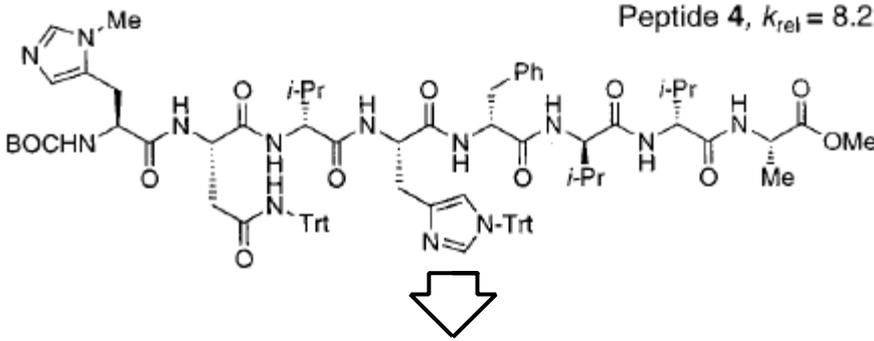
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① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

This method gives us wide library.

ex) When we synthesize hexamer with 10 kinds of amino acid monomers,  
max  $10^6$  (= 1000000, 100–œ!) unique catalyst are available.

Hit peptide for acylation.



Make second generation library based on 4.

homogeneous condition:  
not on resin

Average 35% mutation using 14 unique amino acid by split & pool method.  
Two types of libraries were synthesized.

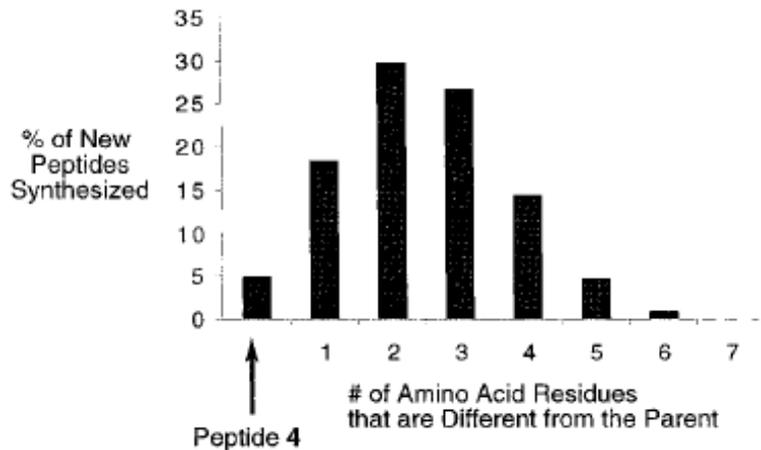
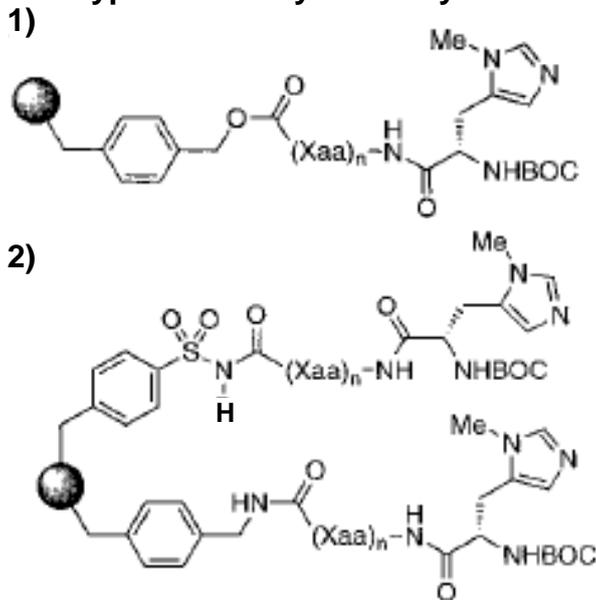
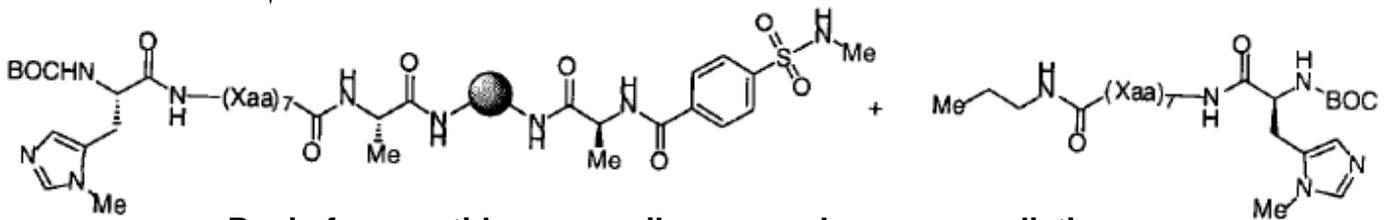


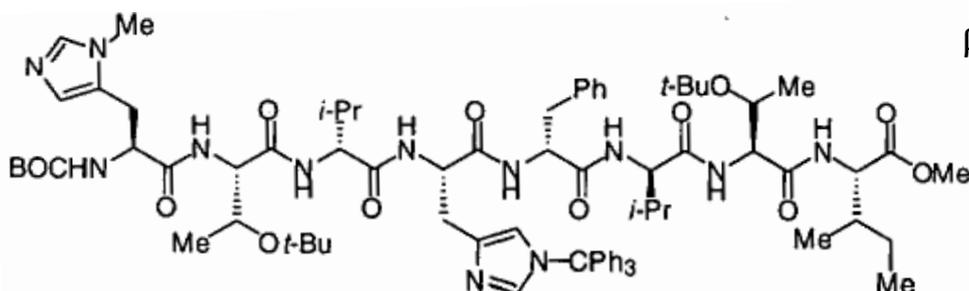
Fig. 2-8: Mutation ratio of peptide.

1) TMSCHN<sub>2</sub>  
2) <sup>n</sup>propylamine

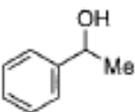
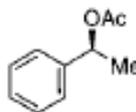
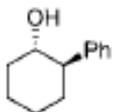
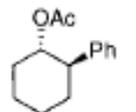
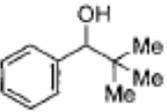
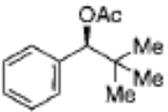
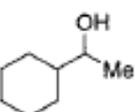
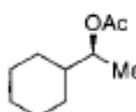
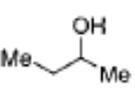
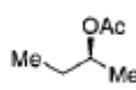


Regin free peptides are easily prepared. -> more realistic assay.

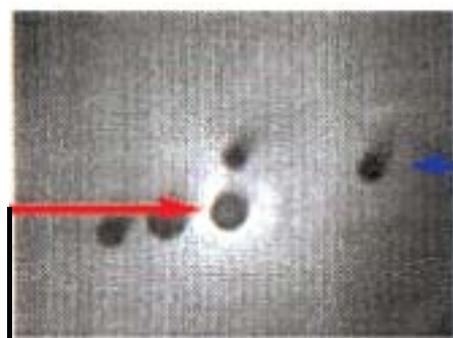
Screening 80 peptide by multi-well-plate.



**Table 2. Kinetic Resolution Results Employing Peptide 13 (2.5 mol %) as a Catalyst<sup>a</sup>**

Entry	Racemic Substrate	Preferred Product Enantiomer	$k_{rel}^b$
1	2: 		20
5	17: 		>50
7	19: 		30
8	20: 		9.0
9	21: 		4.0

As another method, fluorescent gel and bead condition is reported. *JACS*. 2000, 122, 11270.



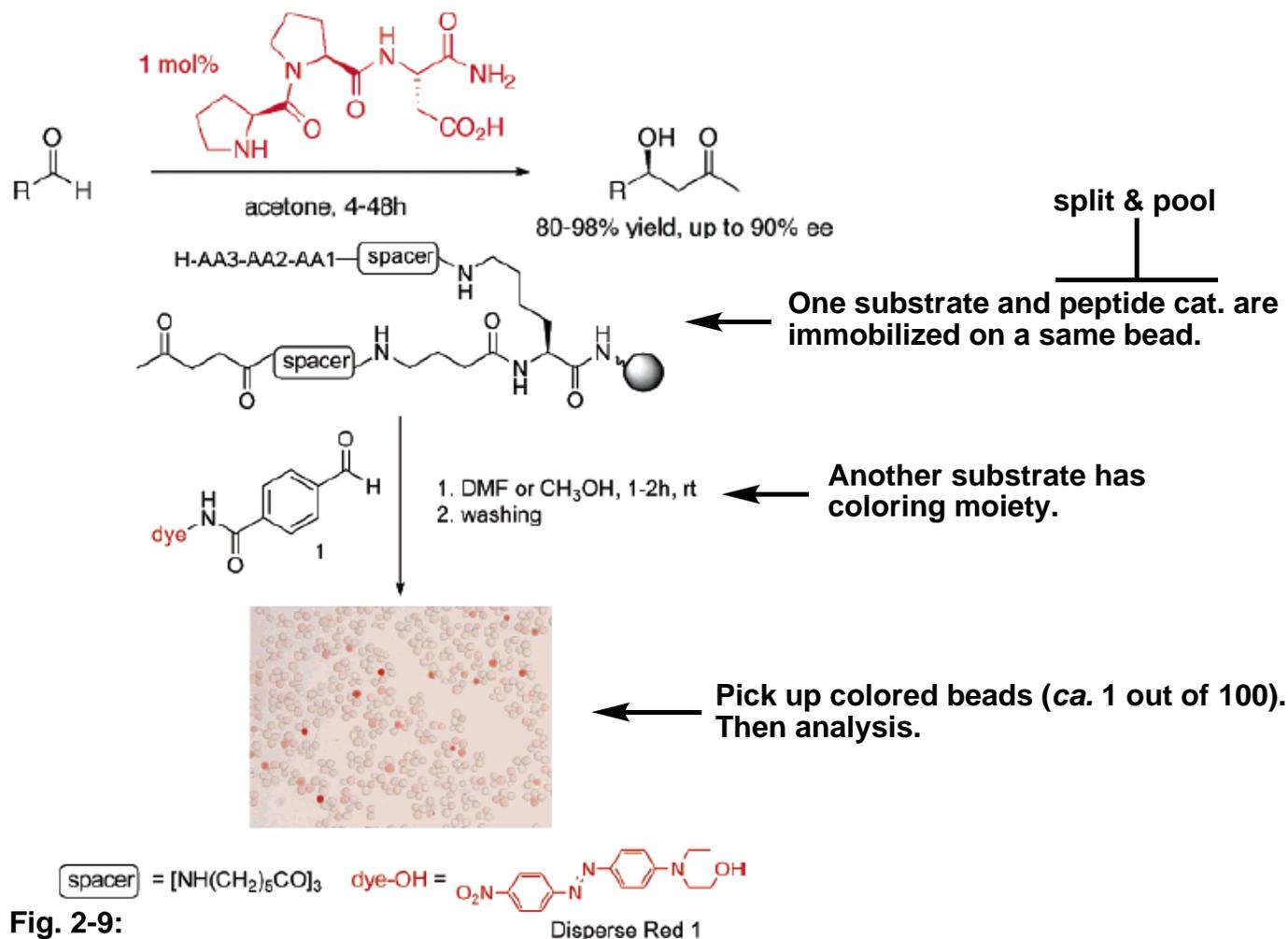
Hit

Miss

<sup>a</sup> Reactions were carried out at  $-65\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  in PhMe (2.5 mol % 13). Reactions were run to 40–50% conversion. <sup>b</sup>  $k_{rel}$  values were determined according to the method of Kagan (ref 13) employing chiral GC or HPLC analyses. See Supporting Information for details.

In the case of asymmetric aldol reaction.

Wennemers, H. *et. al. Org. Lett.* 2005, 7, 1101.



**Fig. 2-9:**

Limitation of these method: in the case of asymmetric electrophilic epoxydation.  
 Miller, S. J. *et al. ACS Comb. Sci.* 2011, 13, 321.

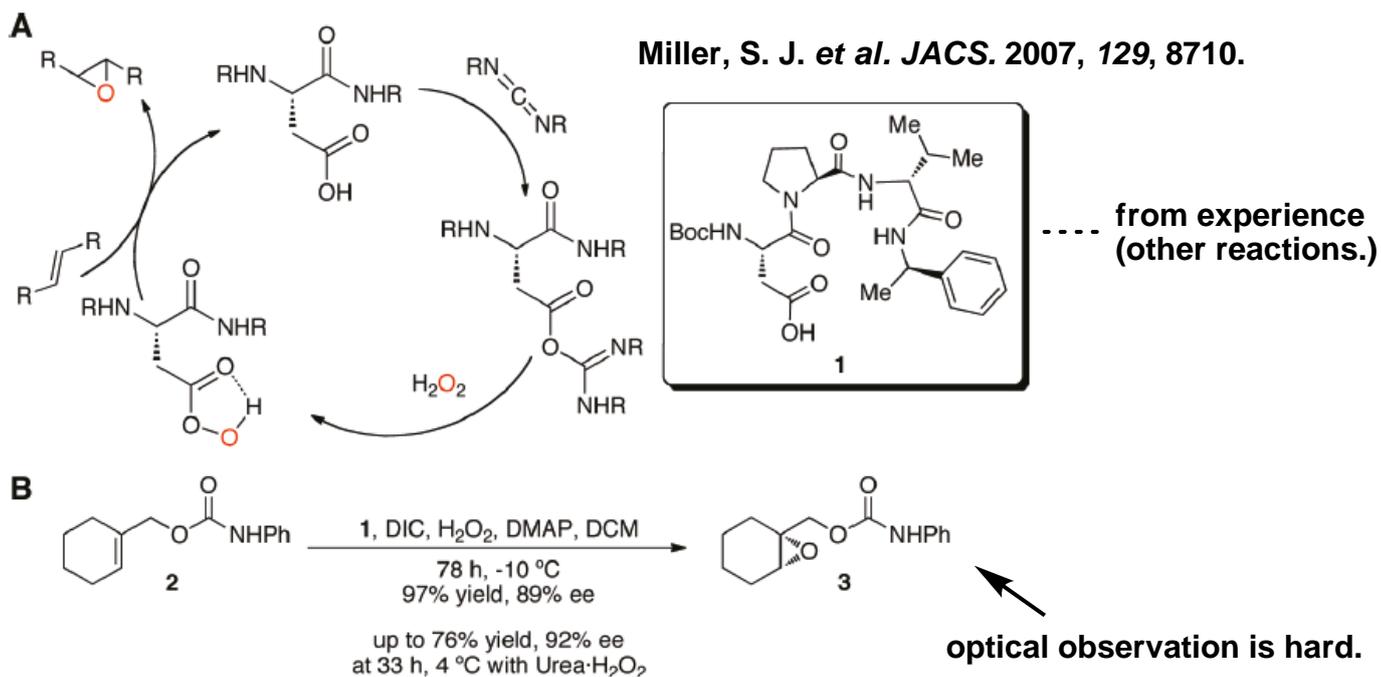


Fig. 2-10: Reaction mechanism.

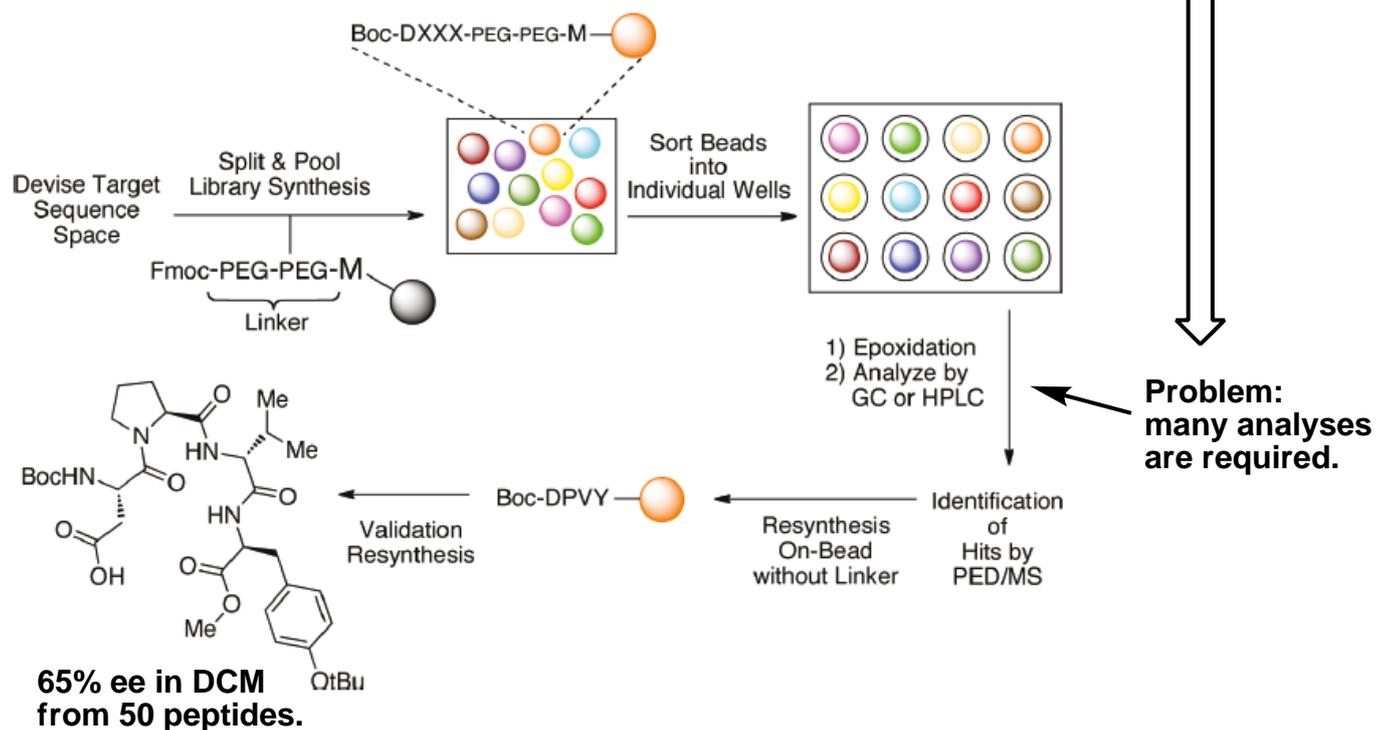
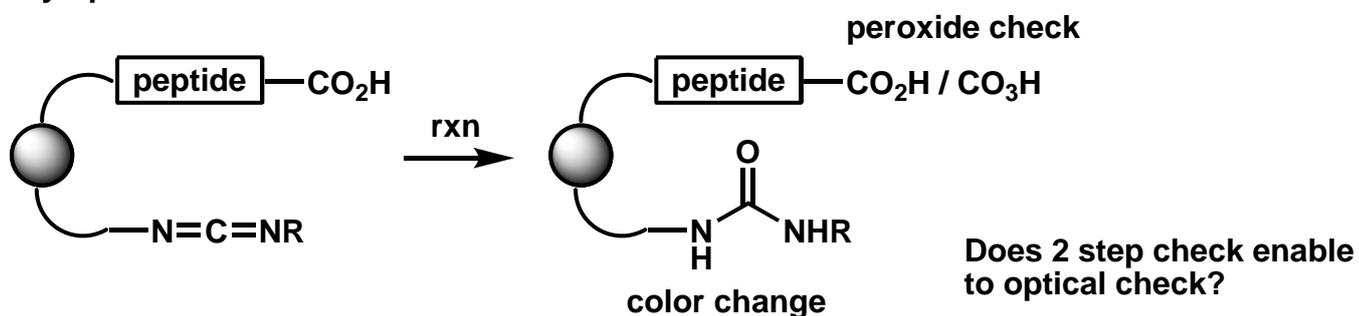


Fig. 2-11: Outline.

My opinion...



### 3. Miller's Works

Famous people in peptide catalyst chemistry.

- Scott J. Miller, Yale Univ.
- Helma Wennemers, Basel Univ.
- Carlos F. Barbas, The Scripps Research Institute.



#### 3-1. Enantio and Regioselective Phosphorylation myo-Inositol.

##### 1.3 Phosphorylation

Miller, S. J. *et al.* JACS. 2001, 123, 10125.

*ibid.* 2002, 124, 11653.

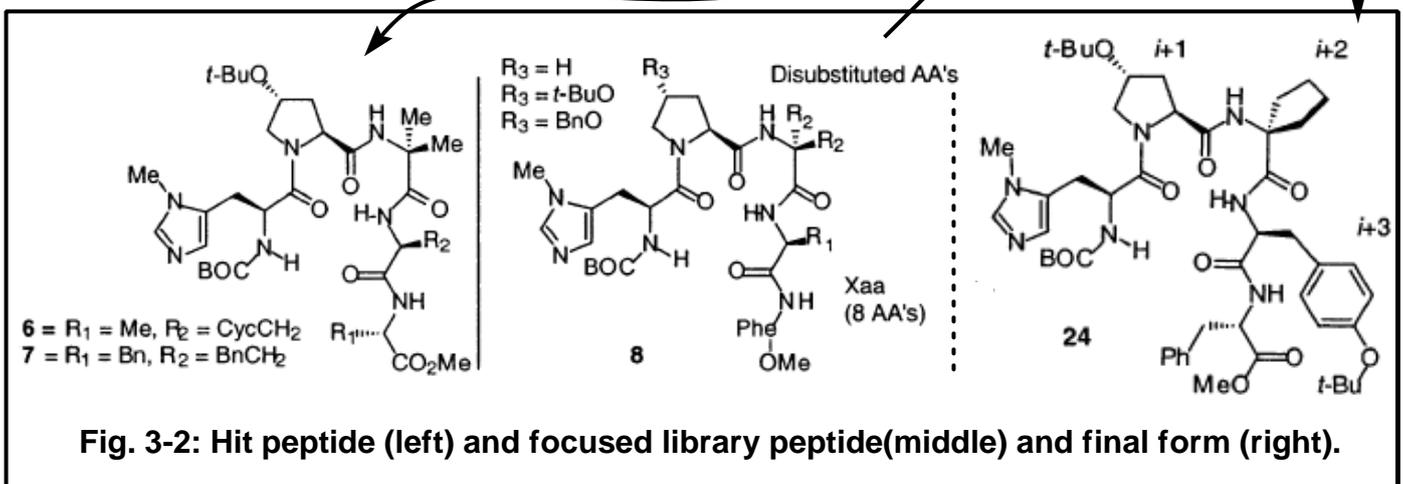
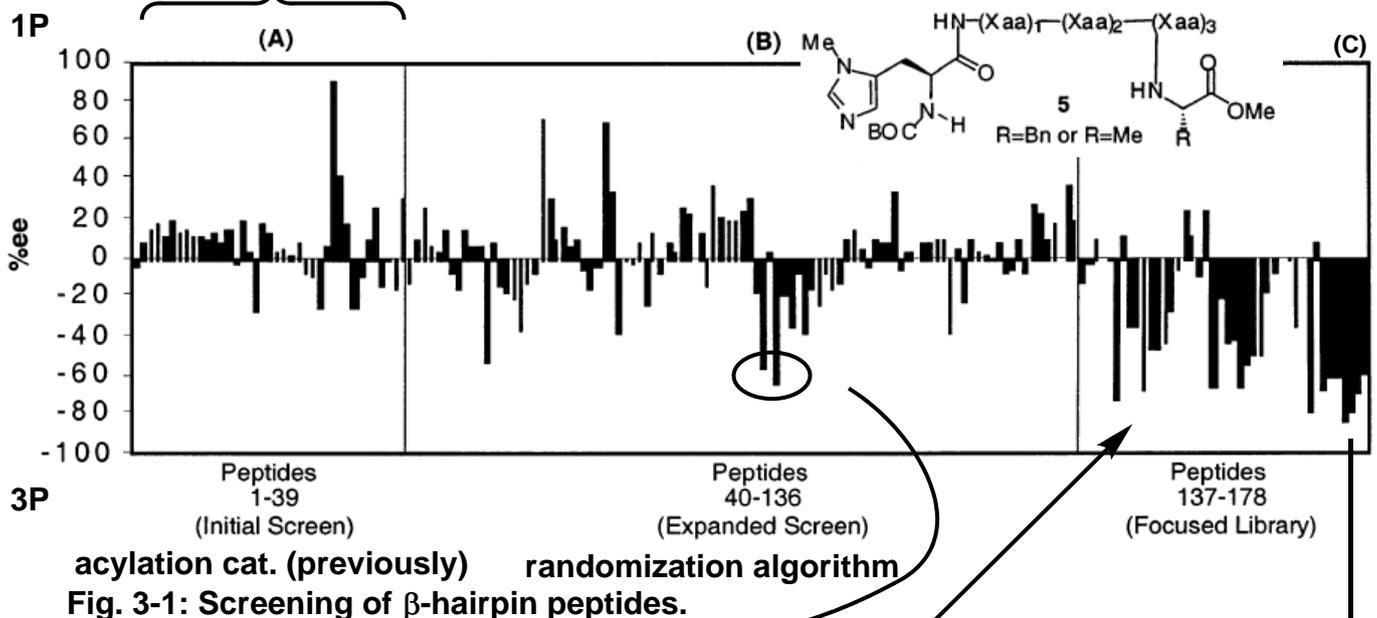
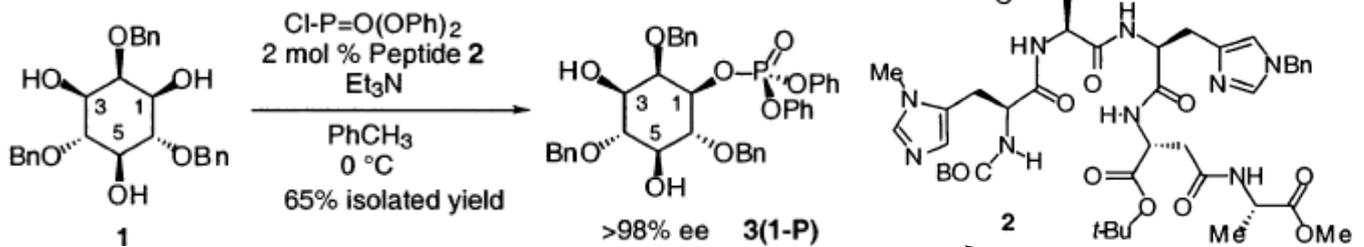
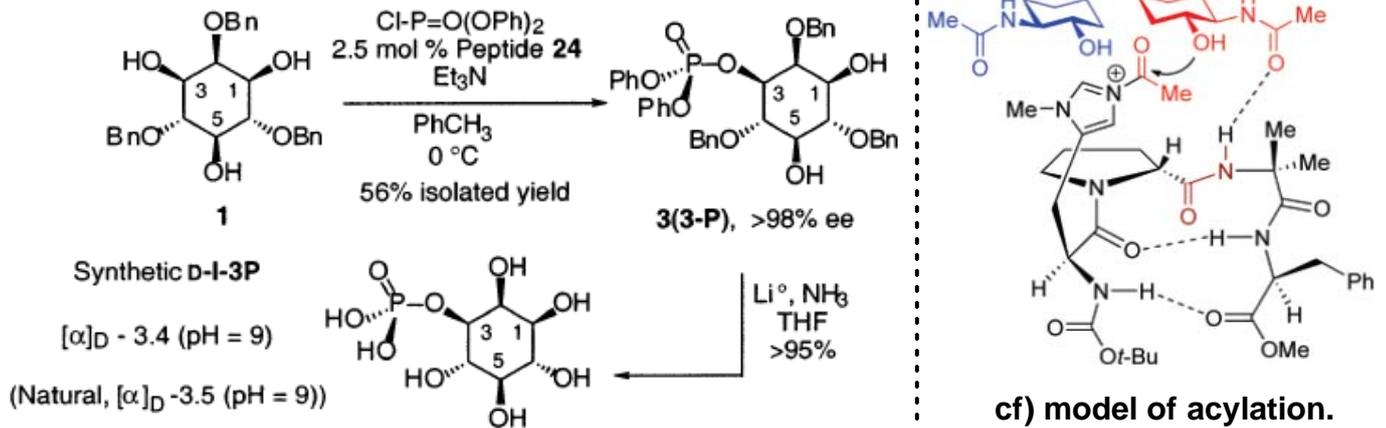


Fig. 3-2: Hit peptide (left) and focused library peptide(middle) and final form (right).

cf) randomizer: Research Randomizer, version 2.1 [Internetbased computer program]; <http://www.randomizer.org>  
They used the 16 amino acids monomer.

**Scheme 2**



**6-Phosphorylation**

Miller, S. J. *et al.* PNAS. 2010, 107, 20620.

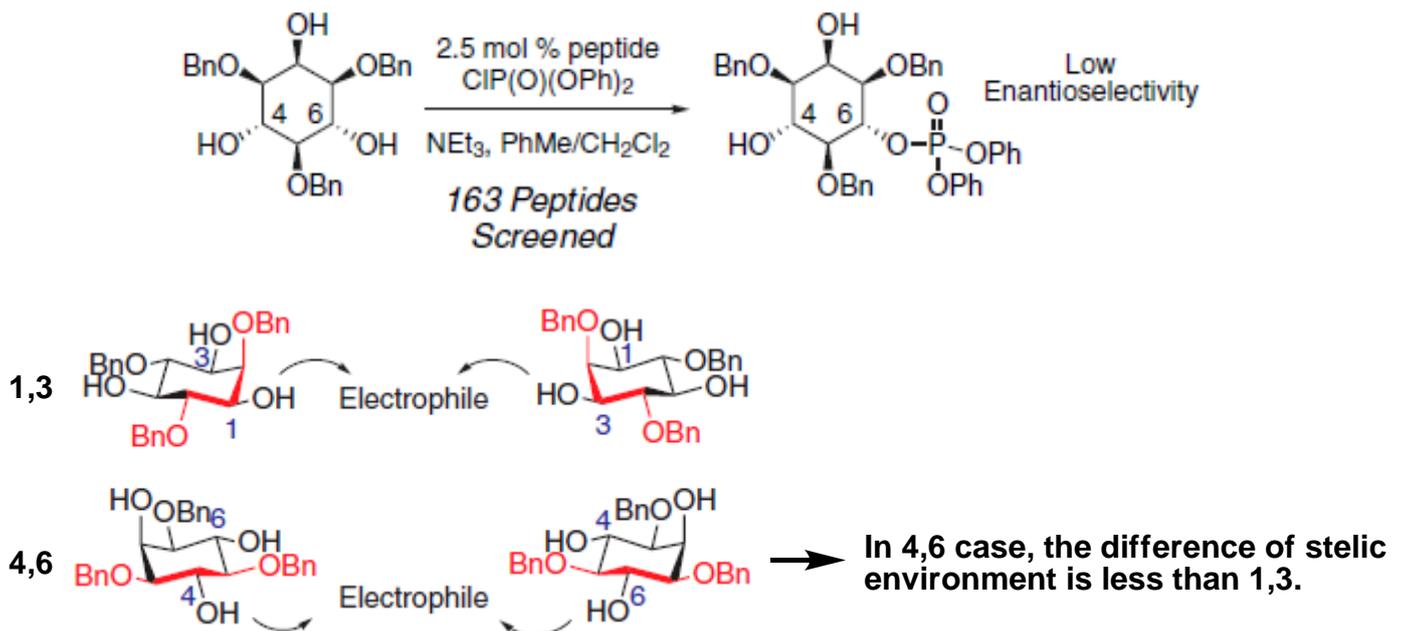
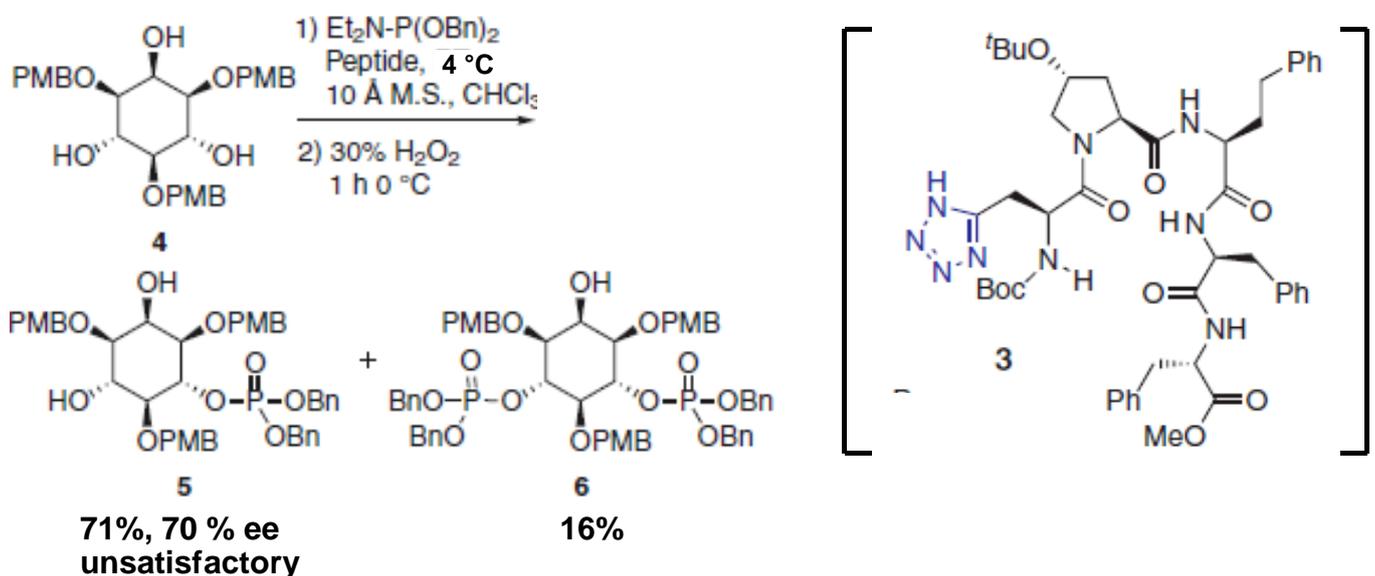
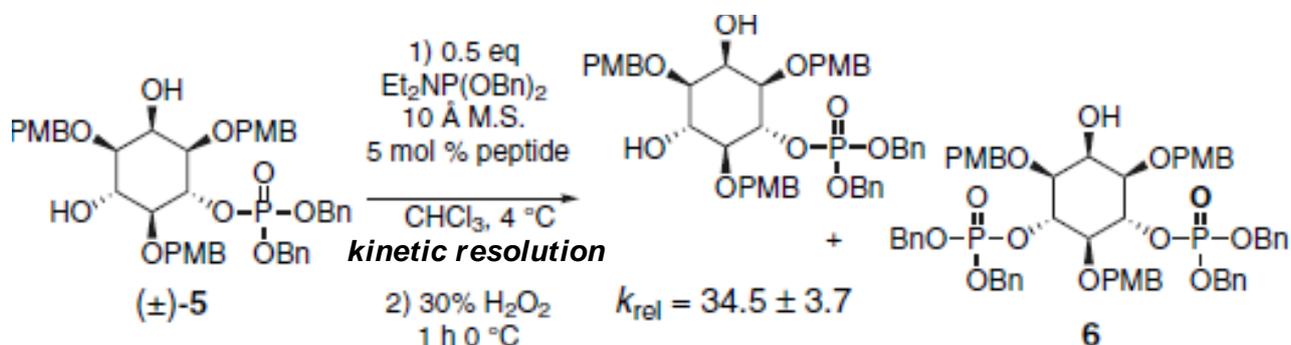


Fig. 3-3: Difficulty of 4,6 desymmetrization.

Pmh-P(V) reagent system had been failed. So Miller's group tried Atz-P(III) reagent system. (Pmh:  $\pi$ -methyl histidine, Atz: tetrazolyl alanine)

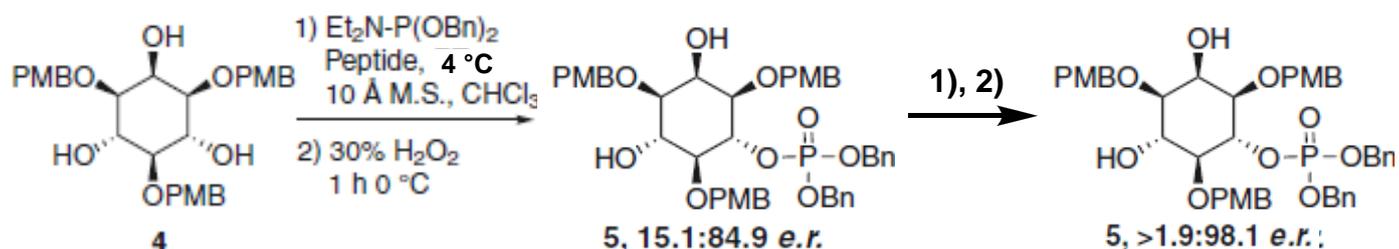
After screening...





Hydrogen bond between P=O and peptide is necessary for high ee.  
 When P=O is change to P=S,  $k_{\text{rel}} = 8.4 \pm 2.8$ .

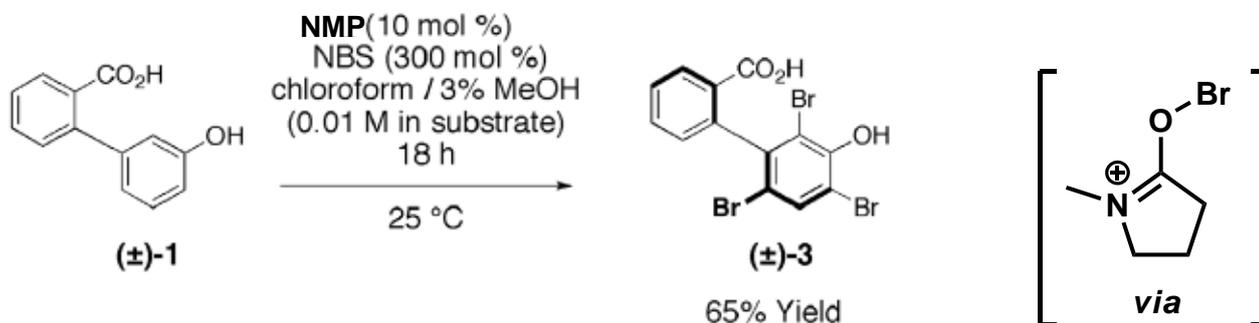
This kinetic resolution applies 5 (70 % ee) -> ee is increase.



### 3-2. Dynamic Kinetic Resolution of Biaryl Atropisomers

Miller, S. J. *et al. Science*, 2010, 328, 1251.

Miller, S. J. *et al. ACIE*, 2011, 50, 5125.



Lewis base catalyzed electrophilic bromination

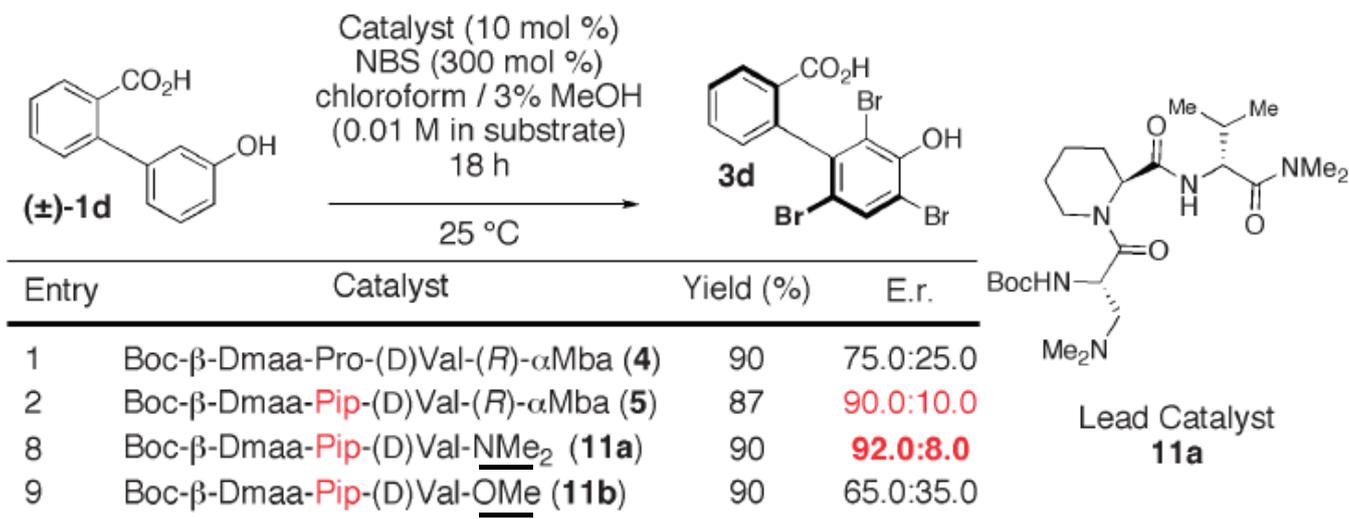
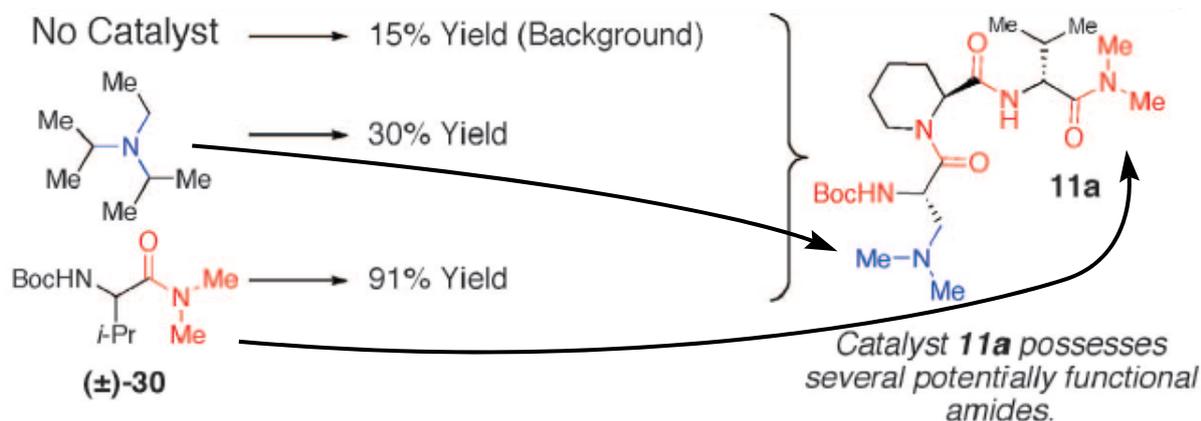


Fig. 3-4: Screening of peptide.

Entry	Racemic Starting Material	Product	Yield (%)	E.r.	Entry	Racemic Starting Material	Product	Yield (%)	E.r.
1			80	97.0:3.0	6			70	97.0:3.0
2			85	97.0:3.0	7			65	96.5:3.5
3			75	96.5:3.5	8			85	87.0:13.0
4			70	96.0:4.0	9			77*	85.0:15.0
5			80	94.0:6.0	10			70	95.0:5.0

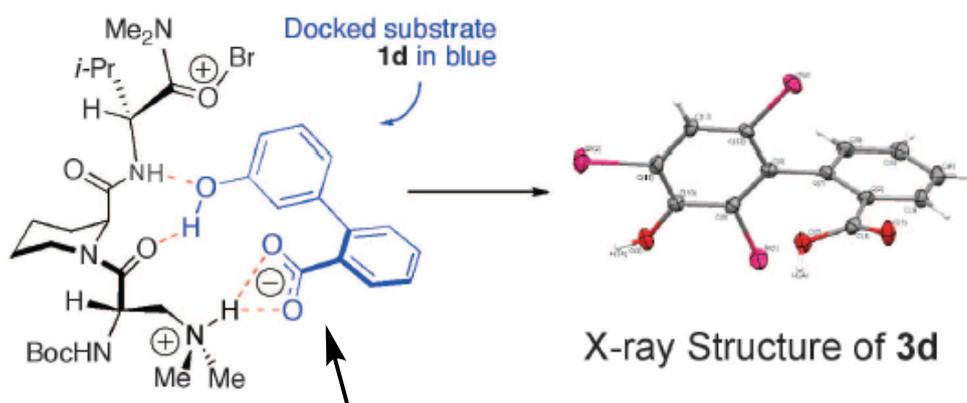
\* 400 mol % of NBP.

Scope: 11a (10 mol%), NBP (300 mol%),  $\text{CHCl}_3$  / 3% acetone (0.01 M), 25 °C



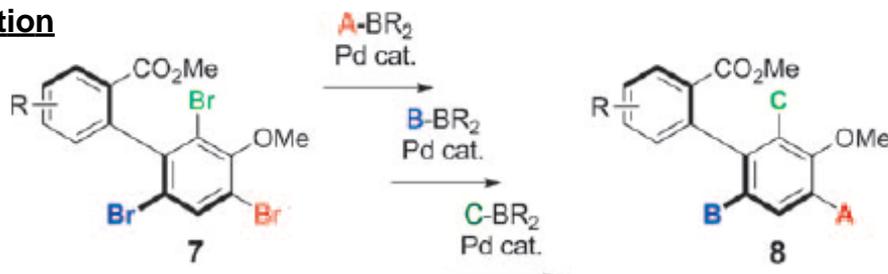
**Fig. 5.** Assessment of the catalytic efficiency of simple functional groups. *i*-Pr, *iso*-propyl group.

**Fig. 6.** X-ray structure of the major enantiomer of **3d** (right) and a possible docking model explaining selectivity (left). Structure shown is an Oak Ridge thermal ellipsoid plot.



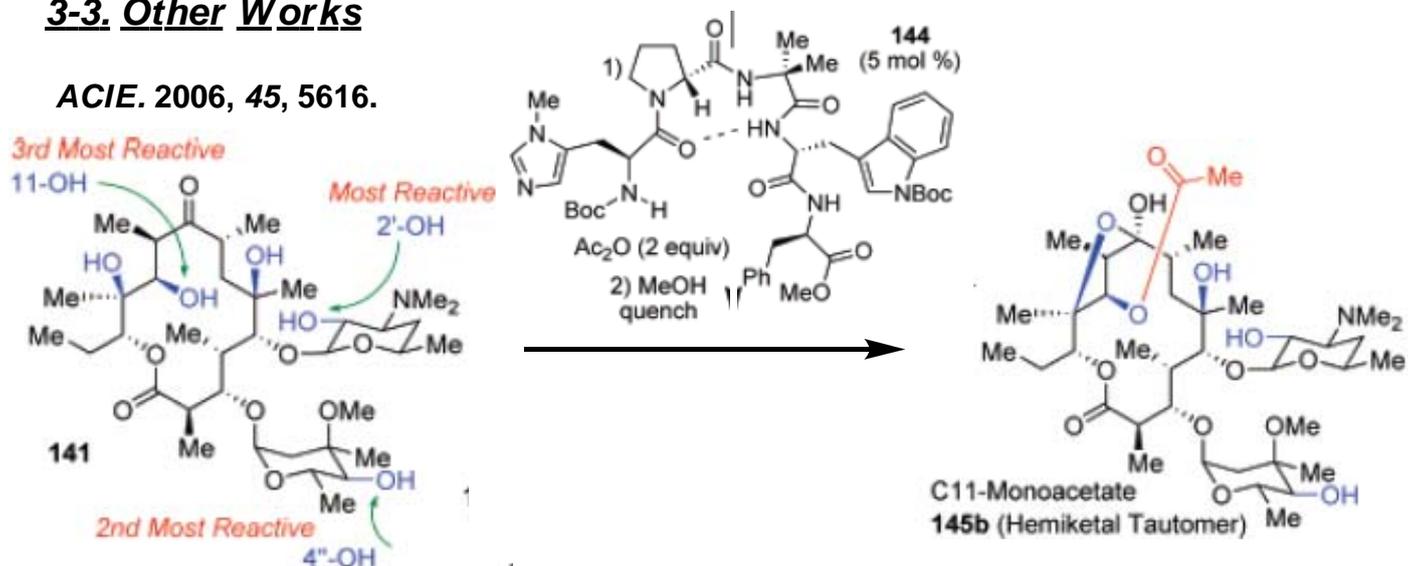
When  $\text{CO}_2\text{H}$  change to  $\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$ ,  $\text{CONBn}$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ , ee decreases.

**Application**

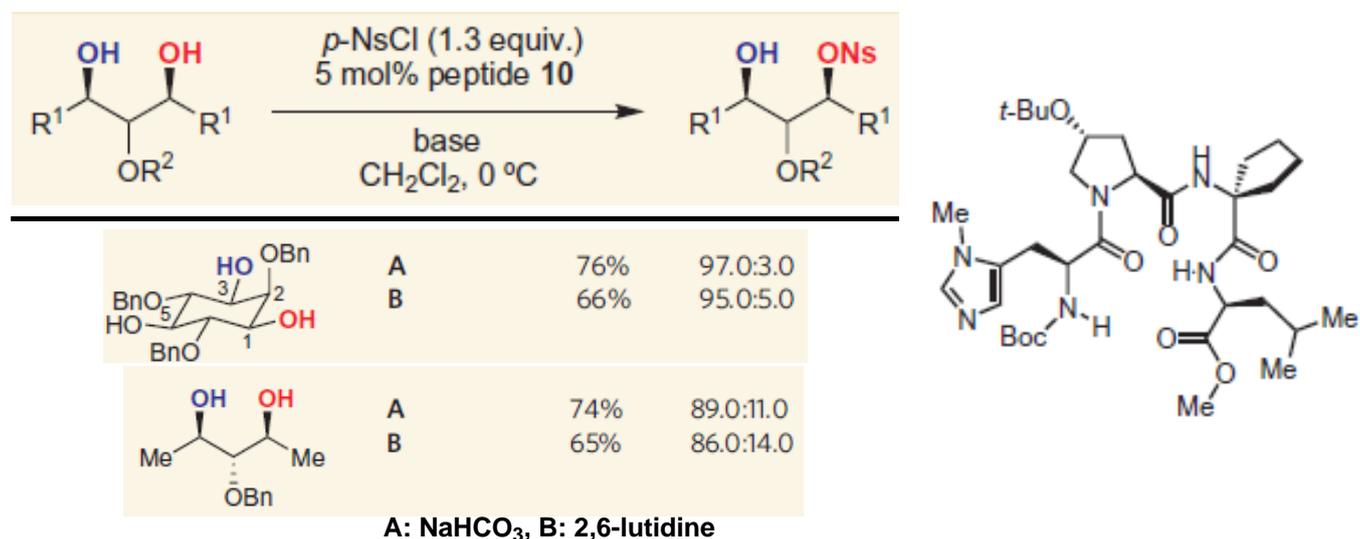


### 3-3. Other Works

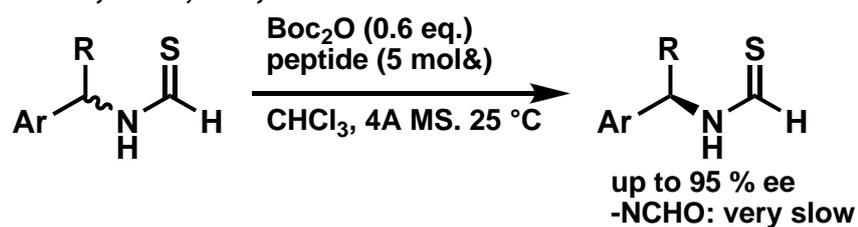
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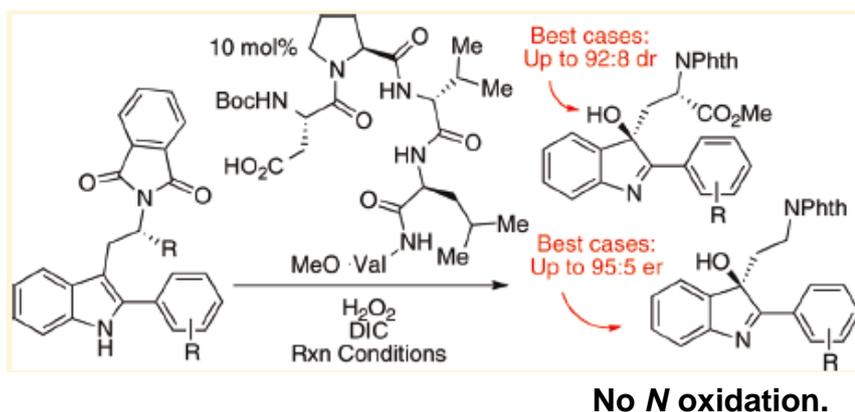
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JACS, 2011, 133, 9104.



## 4. Artificial Metalloenzymes

### 4-1. Peptide as a Ligand of the Transition Metal

Limitation of peptide catalyst: reaction types are confined to organocatalytic reactions.  
-> redox reactions, eg. C-H activation, are difficult.



to solve this problem...

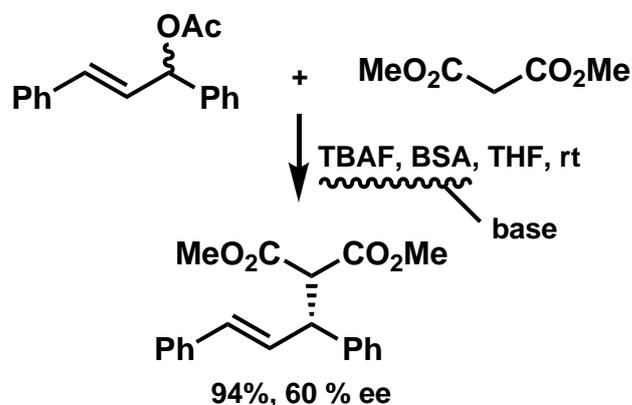
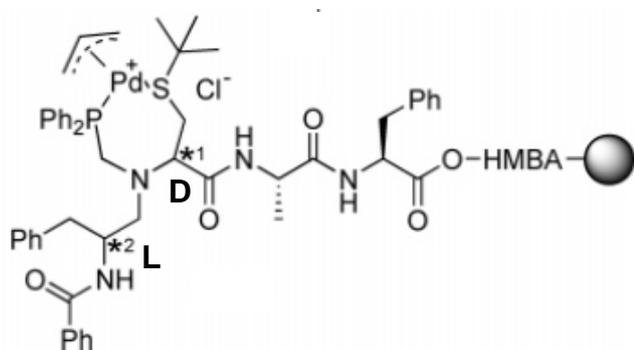
Is the transition metal - peptide system desirable?

#### Examples

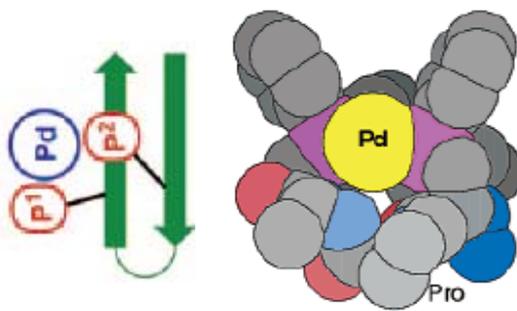
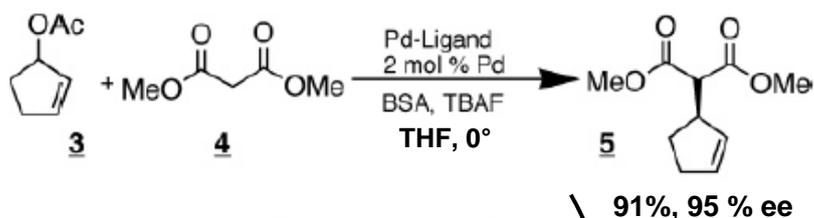
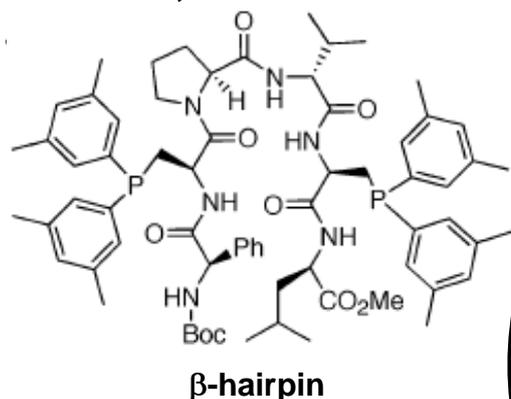
review: Kamer, P. C. J. et al. *Chem. Eur. J.* 2011, 17, 4680.

Meldal, M. et al. *J. Comb. Chem.* 2007, 9, 79.

"Tsuji-Trost reaction"



Gilbertson, S. R. et al. *JACS.* 2000, 122, 6522., *JOC*, 2004, 69, 8077.



In above cases, moderate to good selectivities are observed.

But are there any needs of peptide backbone?

I'm interesting in these reaction if there is some interaction (hydrogen bond) between ligand and substrate. But if not, I think that the role of peptide is only a divergence. (Of course, the divergence is important to asymmetric synthesis.)

## 4-2. Artificial Metalloenzymes

reviews:

Ward, T. R. *et al. Chem. Commun.* 2011, 47, 8470.

Ward, T. R. *Acc. Chem. Res.* 2011, 44, 47.

Kamer, P. C. J. *et al. Chem. Eur. J.* 2011, 17, 4680.

Roelfes, G. *et al. Chem. Cat. Chem.* 2010, 2, 916.

### What is artificial metalloenzymes?

-> Combination of transition metal catalyst and protein.

Kaiser and Whitesides proposed in 1970's.

Artificial metalloenzymes harness the chiral space of enzyme for stereo and substrate selectivities.

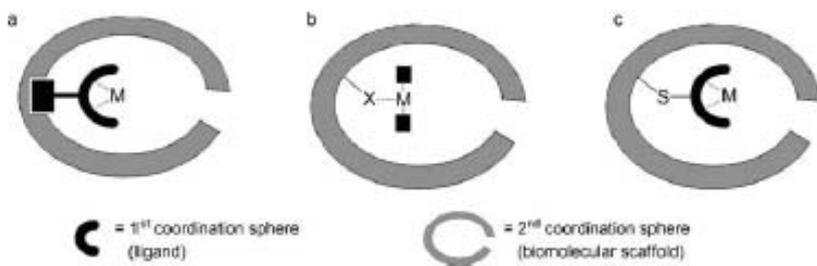


Figure 1. Representation of the concept of artificial metalloenzymes and the various anchoring strategies: a) supramolecular, b) dative, and c) covalent. M denotes the catalytically active transition metal.

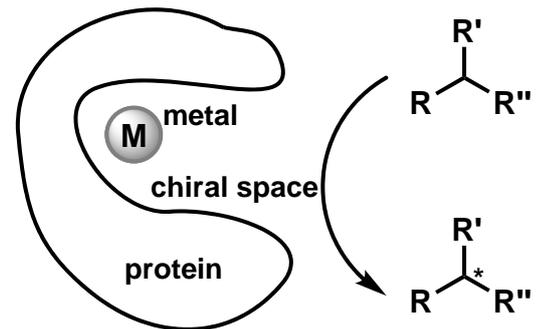


Fig. 4-1: Model of metalloenzyme

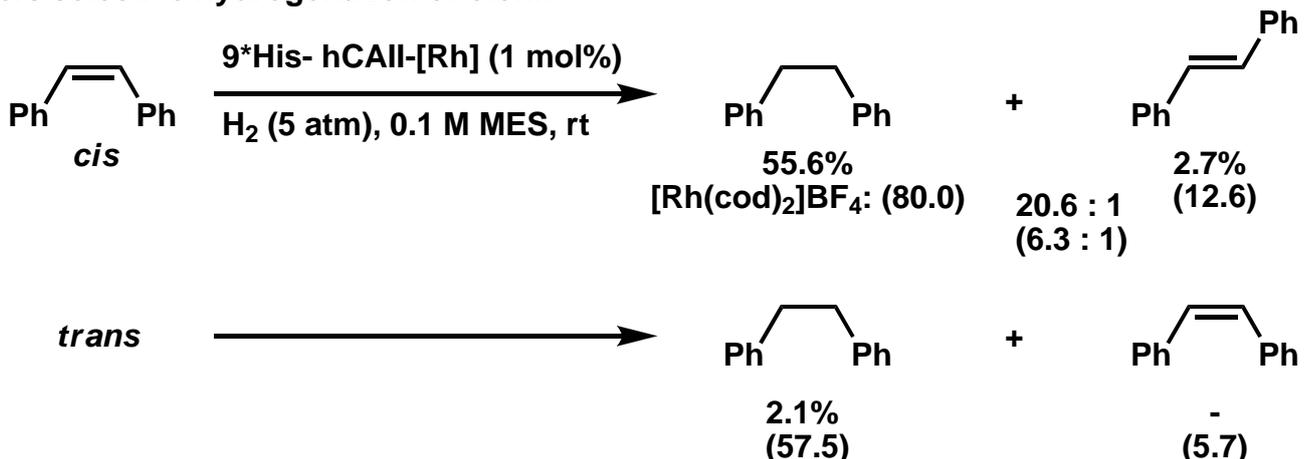
### 4-2-1. Dative Anchoring

-> Direct coordination of transition metals to protein.

#### Example

Kazlauskas, R. J. *et al. Chem. Eur. J.* 2009, 15, 1370.

"*cis* selective hydrogenation of olefin"



hCAII = human carbonic anhydrase isoenzyme II

9\*His means nine His residues at surface of enzyme are replaced by Arg, Ala, Phe.

#### Why they chose hCAII?

1. hCAII has zinc. Zinc and rhodium have similar ionic radius.
2. hCAII's coordinate site has His. Imidazolyl group is good ligand for Rh.
3. CAs has cysteine and it interfere with binding of Rh. But hCAII's cysteine is not surface.
4. They previously reported metal exchange of hCAII.

After choosing protein, they screened hCAII and mutated hCAII's.

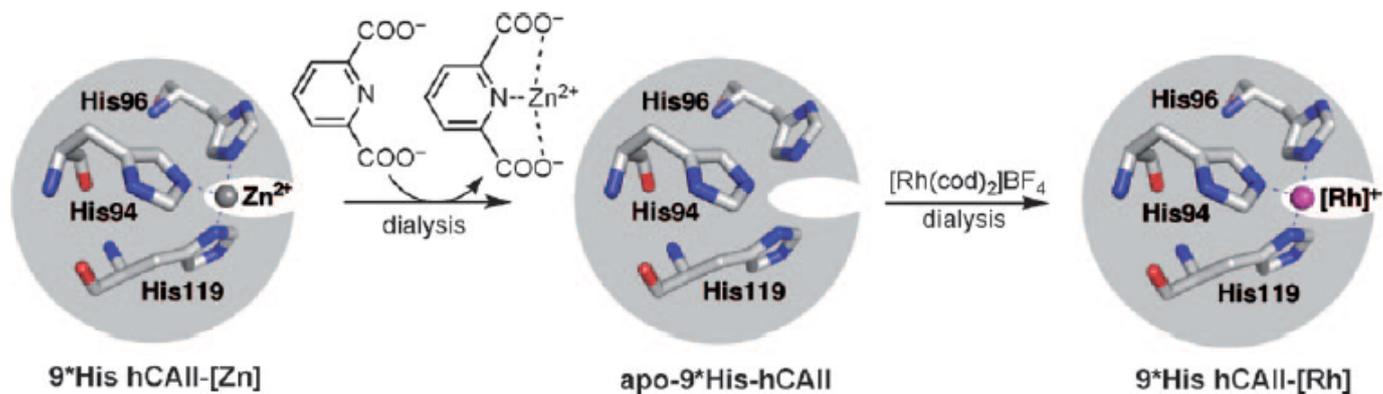


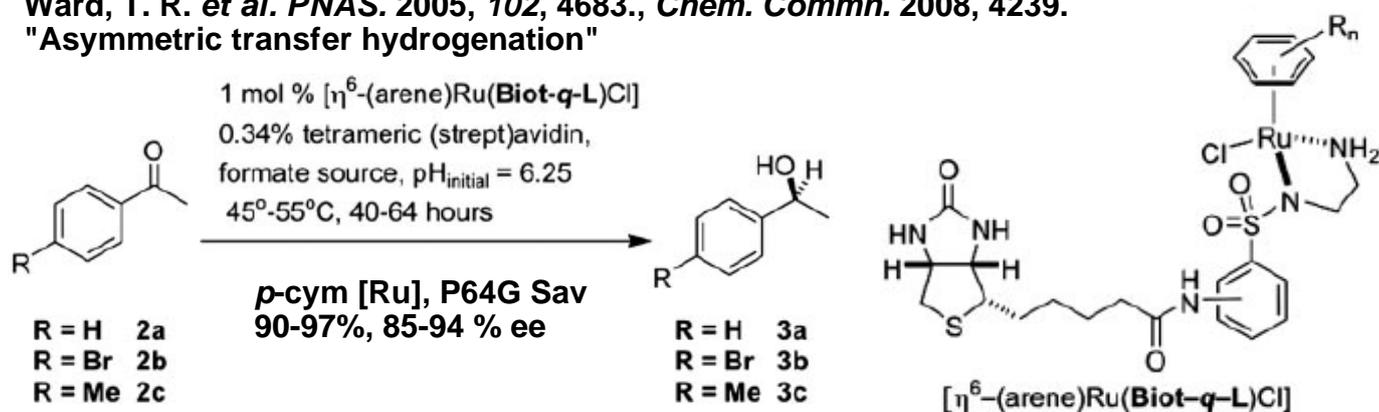
Fig.4-2: Exchange of metal in the enzyme.

#### 4-2-2. Supramolecular Anchoring

-> Ligand of metal is coordinate (not covalent) with protein.

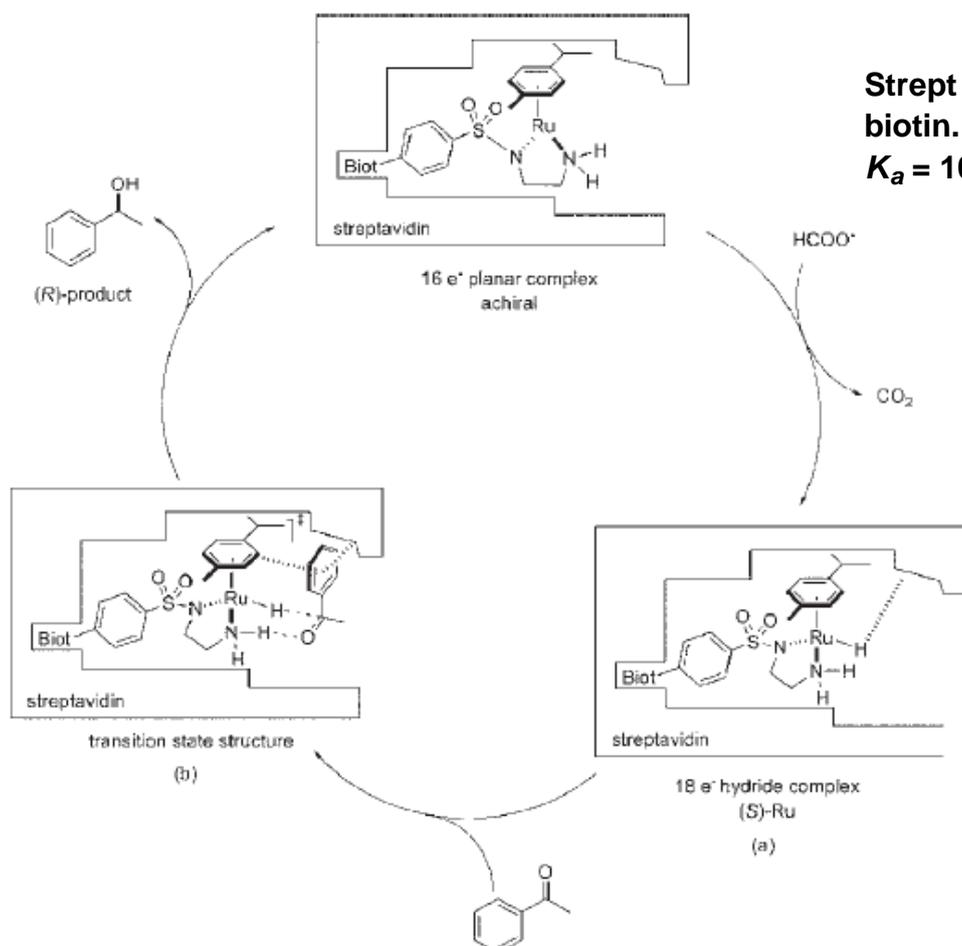
##### Example

Ward, T. R. *et al.* PNAS. 2005, 102, 4683., Chem. Commn. 2008, 4239.  
"Asymmetric transfer hydrogenation"



Strept avidin: tightly bind to biotin.

$$K_a = 10^{15} \text{ M}^{-1}$$



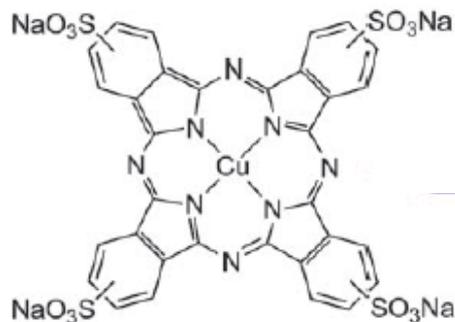
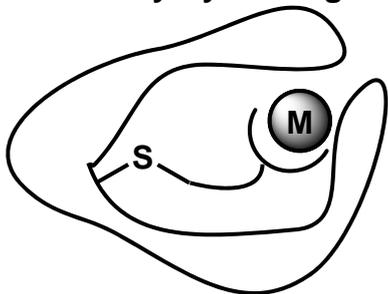
cf) Reduction of imine, ACIE, 2011, 50, 3026.

Other combination:

- HSA (human serum albumin) + polphyrin<sup>-</sup>SO<sub>3</sub>Na.
- Antibody + α

#### 4-2-3. Covalent Anchoring

-> Ligand of metal is connected protein covalently.  
Usually Cys is targeted as a linking amino acid.



Binding:

Tyr161- Cu

Arg114, His146, Lys190-SO<sub>3</sub>-  
etc.

Other reactions:

Oxidation (SA + Mn or V)

a) *Chem. Commun.* 2008, 1665.

b) *JACS.* 2008, 130(25), 8085.

Tsuji-Trost reaction

*ACIE.* 2008, 47, 701.

## 5. Summary & Future Direction

**Peptide catalyst:**

(+)

- Highly divergence and high selectivity.
- Especially desymmetlization is powerful.

(-)

- Reaction types are limited in organocatalyst field.
- It needs tremendous screening.

**Efficient screening method is require!**

**Metalloenzyme:**

(+)

- Potentially high divergence and high selectivity.

(-)

- Available metals are limited.
- Sensitive purity of protein.
- Narrow substrate scope.

**Under development.  
Towards *in vivo* reaction!**